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Province to help women have children

HEALTH CARE

Coverage of in vitro procedure will help many stay out of debt

Ontario will help women under 43 with fertility troubles get pregnant by funding one cycle of in vitro fertilization (IVF), Health Minister Eric Hoskins said Thursday.

The program, which takes effect in December, will cost $50 million a year and help about 4,000 women.

"Infertility is a serious medical issue," said Hoskins at an east end child-care centre.

"It's impossible to describe the joy that having a child brings to your life."

Advocates said the new policy, making Ontario the only province outside Quebec to cover IVF treatments, will save many parents from going into debt.

"There is an incredible cost," said Sandra Alsaffawi-David of the IVF advocacy group Conceivable Dreams, who spoke of parents raiding RRSPS, running up credit cards to pay for treatments.

One cycle costs about $10,000.

A cycle is defined as one procedure to retrieve an egg or eggs, and the one-at-a-time transfer of all viable embryos to provide multiple chances for a pregnancy to develop.

The program is open to Ontario residents with valid OHIP cards who face fertility problems, regardless of sexual orientation or family status.

Officials said the success rate for IVF is about 30 per cent. At present, almost two per cent of live births in Ontario are the result of in vitro fertilization.

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How to party like the Jays

After routing the Baltimore Orioles 15 to 2 on Wednesday, the Toronto Blue Jays retired to the Camden Yards clubhouse to celebrate clinching their first AL East division title in over two decades. The Jays' vice-president of communications, Jay Stenhouse, was on the ground and in the locker room, and he spoke with Metro about what goes in to a party that's 22 years in the making. "The boys have really been looking forward to this and they let off a lot of steam," he said.

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

1 THE SHIRTS

Once the last batter landed out, the team was free to break out their AL East championship shirts. According to Stenhouse, the shirts get made by MLB for any team that has a chance to clinch the title, but only one team gets to wear them.

2 THE SUDS

Budweiser is the official beer sponsor of the MLB and the company provided plenty of brews for the team to drink — and douse. The company couldn't confirm how many beers were sent to the locker room, but the team reportedly ran out and had to scramble for more.

3 WATCH THE EYES

Many of the Jays have eyewear deals with companies like Oakley and Nike. Stenhouse said those companies kindly provided some goggles for the team to wear so they wouldn't get champagne in their eyes while dousing the locker room.

David Price and the Jays celebrate in the Camden Yards clubhouse after clinching the AL East Division. PATRICK SMITH/GETTY IMAGES

4 BREAK OUT THE BUBBLY

What celebration is complete without champagne? If this photo is any indication, it looks like Jays slugger Jose Bautista is a fan of Moet.

PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP PHOTO

5 GET GOING WITH THOSE GOPROS

Stenhouse said a number of Jays have taken to recording their antics with GoPro cameras.

In photos of the festivities, a number of players can be seen with the cameras strapped to their hats.

It's a good thing they're waterproof.

Jays' Kevin Pillar, left, and Bo Schultz light up cigars. PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP PHOTO

7 CIGARS

To celebrate the momentous occasion, some Jays players lit up stogies. Stenhouse didn't know where they were from, "but I heard people saying they were pretty good," he said.

6 A LOT OF PLASTIC

In order to keep the team's gear from getting soaked with beer, champagne and whatever else was flying around, clubhouse attendants wisely covered the entire room in plastic.

It didn't manage to save the carpet though, as Stenhouse said attendants were still busy vacuuming it Thursday morning.

SOCCER

TFC could get a playoff spot for first time in team's history

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

There's potential for history to be made on a Toronto sports field this weekend. And, this time, the Blue Jays aren't involved. If all the stars align, the Toronto Football Club — or Toronto FC, to fans — could earn a spot in the Major League Soccer playoffs Saturday for the first time in team history.

There probably won't be a lot of fanfare if it all comes together. Those who've been behind the team over the last, often tumultuous, 10 years say if it happens the mood will likely be more relief than joy.

"You know, I can't wrap my head around the fact that this is actually happening," said Boris Roberto Aguilar, a fan from the beginning. Same's true for Don Campbell, who's spent countless dollars and hours travelling to watch road games, most of which have ended disastrously — a 4-0 loss to New England in 2007 being the most unforgettable. For him, a TFC postseason would bring more relief than joy.

"The fact that they're finally delivering is really satisfying," he said, adding most fans are somehow accustomed to expecting the worst.

"We're just waiting on the roof to collapse in on us," he said. "Hopefully making the playoffs and having success becomes the new normal, and we're not so jaded anymore."

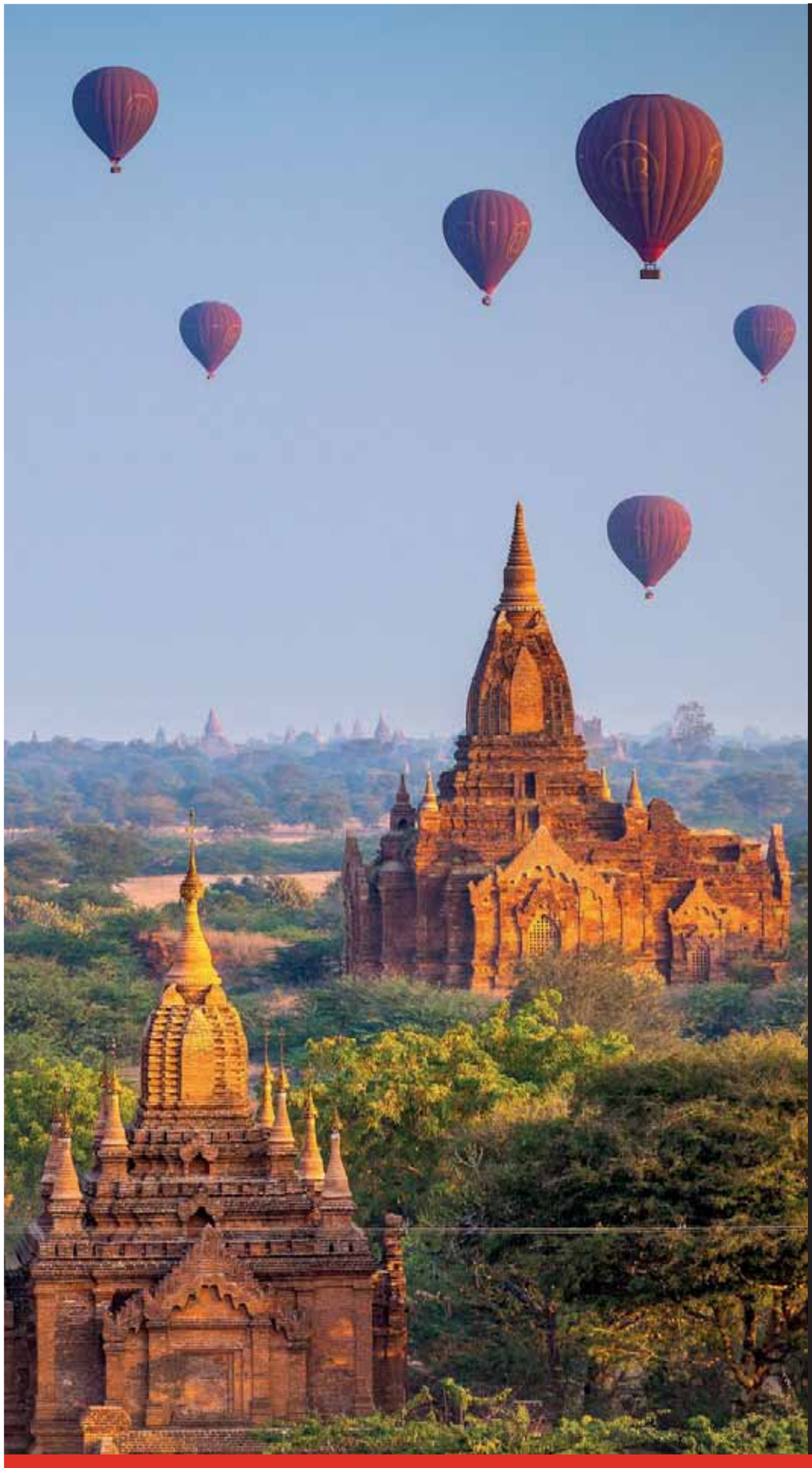
THE SITUATION

Scenario for Toronto FC to clinch a playoff berth this weekend:

- The Reds need to win against Philadelphia Union on Saturday. In addition, they'll need both their rivals — New York City FC and Orlando City SC — to lose or draw.
- If any of that doesn't happen, Toronto will have three more games to play in order to redeem its place in the postseason.

So, do they mind that the city's Blue Jays frenzy is overshadowing the soccer success? Just a little, Aguilar said. "At the end of the day we want our teams to win and a collective support is important."

The Red Patch Boys are the biggest, most diehard fans of Toronto FC. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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Susan Mabey says families are being bullied for sending their kids to school amid protests over the province's new sexual education curriculum. TODD KOROL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

'Lightning rod' stirs sex-ed pot

EDUCATION

Thorncliffe teacher feels protests about homophobia

When parents refused to send their kids to school on "Pink Day" — thinking it was promoting homosexuality, rather than anti-bullying — Thorncliffe teacher Susan Mabey got her first inkling that the controversy about the new health curriculum wasn't just about sex.

It was also about homophobia.

With a vocal parent group in the neighbourhood now openly stating their worries about gay teachers in the school or even "homosexuality books," Mabey decided someone needed to be the "lightning rod," to speak openly about what's going on.

"I have been on the front lines of the gay and lesbian movement since the early '80s and we fought long and hard for rights that are enshrined," she said in an exclusive interview with Torstar News Service on Thursday, as 200 parents and children stood on the sidewalk out front of the school protesting the updated sex-ed curriculum.

"At Thorncliffe, we have toned down everything; we have been trying to be accommodating for too long," she said. "There are gay teachers, there are gay students and transgender kids (here)" as there are in society — and kids have questions about it, and about sex, about kissing and boyfriends and the new curriculum gives them the facts.

"There needs to be a lightning rod; I can't lose anything … what I can gain is, maybe some parents hear a different story. Right now, the story they are hearing is, basically, hatred."

As for the consequences of speaking out and being "out" with all families at the school, she said: "I am willing to sit with empty classes."

While the anti-sex-ed protests have happened in pockets around the province, no school has been harder hit than Thorncliffe, where on Thursday just 533 of 1,260 kids showed up for class.

Some parents have kept their children out of school since September, setting up a makeshift school in the park and community centre nearby, bringing Thorncliffe's enrolment down by 200 on an ongoing basis.

While the opposition includes groups of many religions, a diverse coalition including Muslim and newcomer groups spoke out last week in favour of it, countering its vocal opponents.

Thorncliffe Principal Jeff Crane said he believes the opposition now is more a fear of homosexuality than the sex-ed curriculum itself, all of two lessons a year, from which kids can be removed from school.

And what's been happening outside the school is taking a toll on morale inside. Even though it is believed to be a small group agitating, teachers "are afraid of parents, afraid of their own security," and a few gay teachers in recent years have transferred out because they "couldn't stand being in the closet," said Mabey.

Families have been bullied for sending their children to school, and told the public system is going to "indoctrinate their kids into homosexuality," she said.

"That has made it difficult to go on teaching with a hopeful heart," said Mabey, who in the 1980s was refused by the United Church to be a minister.

She hopes by speaking out "that people will begin to question what they think they know about gay people … I hope they realize their children have not been indoctrinated by me, they realize their children have not been damaged by me."

Khalid Mahmood, who has been at the forefront of the Thorncliffe protests and is a member of the parents' association, said the association is not upset about homosexual teachers in the school, but rather community agencies coming in to talk to the kids about equity and sexual orientation, he said.

"We don't oppose gay teachers in the school," he said. "We are simple parents and we aren't against anyone … We respect everyone but do not try to impose values of one particular group or another."

Mahmood noted that during the first week of the makeshift school students there were learning about different kinds of families, "including two moms and two dads, so acceptance is already there." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

> **Right now, the story they are hearing is … hatred**
> Susan Mabey

> **We don't oppose gay teachers in the school.**
> Khalid Mahmood

COURT

Ghomeshi pleads not guilty

Jian Ghomeshi has pleaded not guilty at his pre-trial hearing Thursday on four sexual assault charges and one of choking.

The 48-year-old disgraced former CBC radio host has elected to be tried by judge alone at a trial that is to start in February.

Ghomeshi was flanked by his lawyers as he walked up the steps to court at Old City Hall around 9:15 a.m. and he did not speak to the media.

It was nearly one year ago, on Oct. 26, 2014, that the CBC announced it had fired the high-profile radio host.

At that time, Ghomeshi published a long Facebook defence of himself that described his interest in "a variety of activities in the bedroom … that are mutually agreed upon, consensual and exciting for both partners."

CBC subsequently said Ghomeshi was fired after executives saw what they described as graphic evidence that he had physically injured a woman.

On Nov. 26, Toronto police charged him with four counts of sexual assault and one count of overcoming resistance by choking. Three more sexual assault charges were added in January.

In May, the Crown dropped two of the sexual assault charges. At that time, Crown prosecutor Mike Callaghan told the court there was no reasonable prospect of conviction on the two withdrawn charges.

Jian Ghomeshi attends his pre-trial hearing at Old City Hall court in Toronto. MELISSA RENWICK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The remaining charges are linked to alleged incidents in 2002, 2003 and 2008 involving four women, including Trailer Park Boys actress Lucy DeCoutere.

He will face a separate trial on the remaining count of sexual assault at a trial next June.

The one count of sexual assault will be tried separately because it occurred in a "different factual context," Callaghan said.

He added the case was moved from the College Park courthouse to a larger courtroom at Old City Hall to accommodate the media and public.

Lead defence lawyer Marie Henein has said Ghomeshi will plead not guilty to all charges.

The conditions on Ghomeshi's $100,000 bail require him to remain in Ontario and live with his mother.

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TECHNOLOGY

App eliminates the waiting at local eateries

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A group of workers waited 25 minutes for takeout at P&L Burger on Queen Street West during Thursday's lunch hour. The burger joint is one of dozens of downtown restaurants where people can bypass the wait via the Ritual app. STEVEN GOETZ/FOR METRO

Are we so busy we can't even wait in line for a latte?

Turns out many are. A business that makes it possible for people to skip the wait at downtown Toronto coffee shops and restaurants is taking off and getting ready to expand into the U.S.

Ritual is the company behind a smartphone app that lets people order and pay for a coffee or meal — all before they even walk through the door of participating eateries.

So far, it's available at dozens of coffee and lunch spots in the Entertainment District, Liberty Village, King West and the Discovery District — all areas where busy professionals rush out of offices on tightly scheduled breaks.

Barb Kiss, franchise owner of Melt Grilled Cheese on Richmond Street, says most customers who use Ritual wouldn't be there without it.

She recalls one customer rushing in to pick up his grilled cheese, which had been waiting for 45 minutes. He explained he'd been stuck on phone call.

When she offered to make him a fresh order — it takes only about three minutes — he opted to microwave the cold sandwich back at his office instead of waiting.

"It's definitely the urban professionals" who are driving the app's success, Kiss said.

For Ritual's founder, Ray Reddy, time spent in line is "wasted time."

"If you have an extra five minutes, I'd rather spend it outside taking a walk, sitting down in a park, or honestly getting back to my office," he said.

He describes Ritual as downtown's answer to the convenience of a suburban drive-thru.

Ritual has been consistently adding new restaurants and neighbourhoods since it launched in January. Reddy has been working with the property managers in downtown towers to get the financial district's eateries on the app.

Once that's done, the next step is an expansion, to somewhere in the northeast United States, he said.

LOTTO MAX

Workers claim jackpot

A group of 12 co-workers stepped forward at a news conference Thursday to claim the record $60-million jackpot from last week's Lotto Max lottery.

"We're still living the dream right now," Dennis Cartier, the ticket holder in the group of Canadian Black Book employees who've shared the prize, said at the event.

When he'd told them the news at work on Monday, "there was screaming, yelling, people on the table. It was chaos."

Many in the group said Thursday they have no plans to retire and intend to be back at the jobs they love on Monday. Now, they said, they will really be able to enjoy work because they don't have to worry about money.

Canadian Black Book is a car evaluation company based in Markham that looks after car prices and vehicle listings.

A few said they'd spend their $5-million share on "cars and travel." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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NDP to release T.O.-centric policies

ELECTION 2015

Mini-platform pledges $12.9B over 20 years for GTA transit

The New Democrats know the Liberals are the biggest threat to their fortunes in Toronto, so they are ramping up efforts to convince its undecided voters they have the best plan for the city.

"We've got a huge part of the economy here and a huge population here and we have to get it right here," NDP candidate Andrew Cash, who is running for re-election in the downtown riding of Davenport, said Thursday.

"If we get this right here, we can get this right everywhere," Cash said

The NDP are rolling out a GTA-centric version of their policy platform at the Centre for Social Innovation (CSI Annex) on Bathurst St. Friday morning, grouping together all the promises they believe will appeal to people living in the city and its surrounding suburbs, and a breakdown of how much funding would flow to the area.

The NDP provided Torstar News Service with highlights from this mini-platform, which includes proposals for investments in affordable housing, $12.9 billion over 20 years for transit infrastructure in the GTA, income-averaging for cultural workers, phased-out interest on student loans, creating or maintaining nearly 165,000 $15-a-day childcare spaces, and reducing backlogs in processing immigration application.

Andrew Cash BERNARD WEIL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

"The success of our cities is vital to our national interest. There is no greater urban centre in this country than the City of Toronto and its surrounding municipalities. We need a government in Ottawa that understands that," NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair writes in a letter introducing the Building a Better Toronto document.

"It's time to think big again, to be bold again, to reach higher," Mulcair writes.

The NDP won seven Toronto seats in 2011 — but lost Trinity-Spadina to the Liberals in a 2014 byelection — and will need to hold and increase that result in the Oct. 19 election to have any chance at forming the government. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The Lovers of River Almonda project combines images of couples and poetry written by Luigi Ferrara, dean of the Centre for Arts and Design at George Brown College. CONTRIBUTED

NUIT BLANCHE

Project aims to help couples express love

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

There's going to be love at Nuit Blanche. Or, at least, a multimedia installation to help you express it.

Couples heading into Saturday's all-night celebration of art across the city will have an opportunity to eternalize their mutual admiration.

A project in the lobby of the Bell Trinity building will snap a picture of lovers in an intimate moment and generate a poem to go along with it.

"The idea is to demonstrate the infinite risk that love is," said Luigi Ferrara, dean of the Centre for Arts and Design at George Brown College, which is behind the project. "In love you have to commit to someone and in this artwork you have to publicly commit to them. It's a big risk."

The project involves a set that make it look like lovers are on the banks of River Almonda, situated in Torres Novas in Portugal.

In a five-minute experience, couples will be invited to sit with a poet — Ferrara himself — and share a bit about their personal story. As they're getting their pictures taken, the poet creates a love poem using their story. The poem and the picture are then uploaded to a website and can be shared through social media.

"This is about helping them spread their love," said Ferrara. "With this, we want to encourage the public to be bold and expressive in everything they do."

Running the project has helped art students learn a lot about creating art that invites public participation, he said. Often, art is just static and that doesn't help engage people, he added.

"The experience of having people's answers made into a poem is really powerful," he said. "It's like artwork that generates more artworks."

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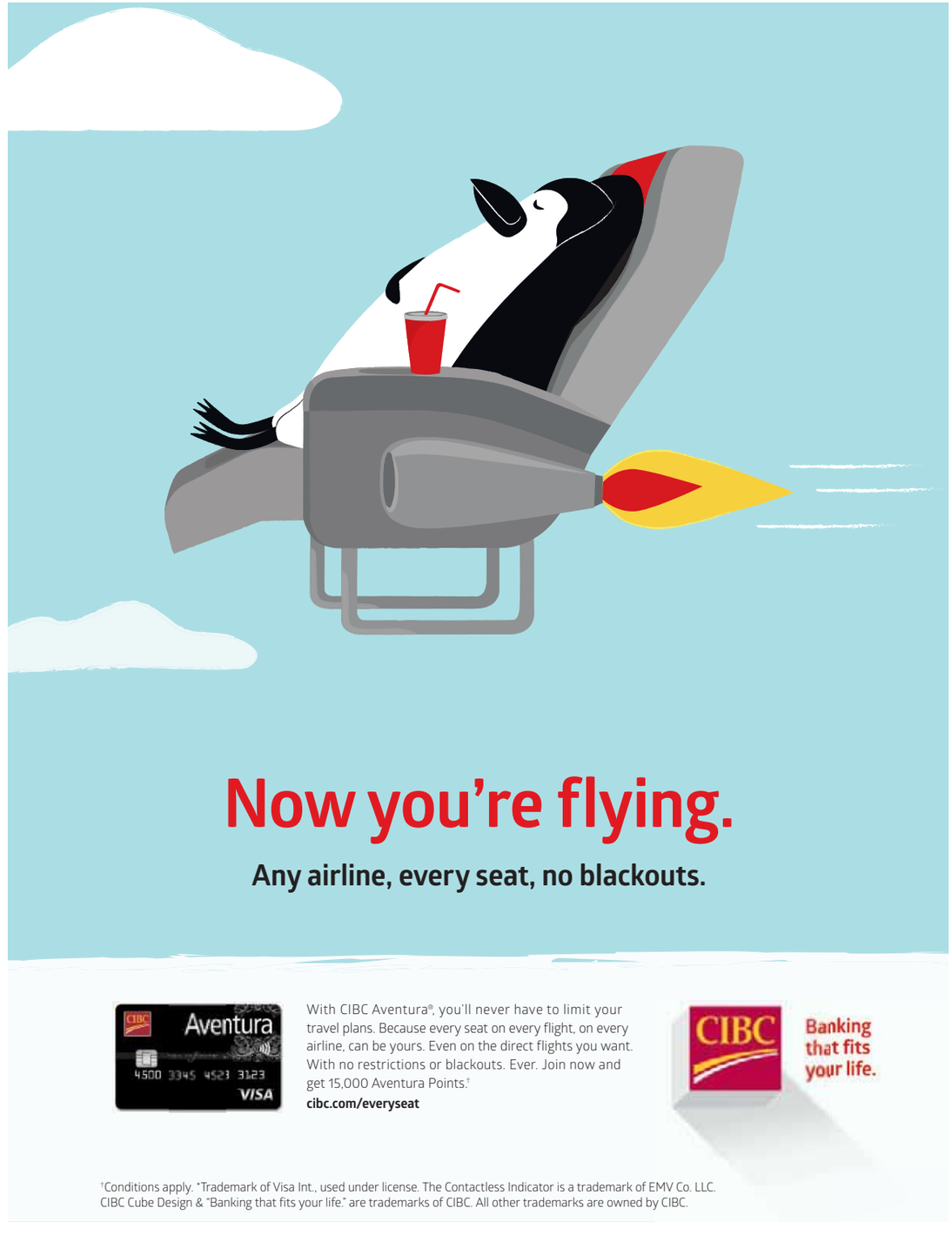
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BY THE NUMBERS

Canadian symbol choices may surprise you

Whether it's deciding who gets to be a citizen, debating the limits of religious accommodation or evoking the "middle class," notions of Canadian identity and shared values have been front and centre in this federal election. But what exactly are those values? **Luke Simcoe** takes a closer look at a Statistics Canada survey, which sheds some light on the symbols people identify with our country.

16%

THE BEAVER
16 per cent of survey respondents named the beaver as the country's national animal.

46%

HOCKEY
It may come as a surprise to many, but only 46 per cent of Canadians described hockey as a very important national symbol.

69%

THE FLAG
69 per cent of those surveyed named the flag as the a very important national symbol for Canada, second only behind the Charter.

55%

THE RCMP
Just over half of Canadians (55%) said the Mounties were a very important national symbol.

THE ANTHEM
64 per cent said the national anthem was a very important Canadian symbol.

14%

THE LEAF
14 per cent of those surveyed said the maple leaf (the plant, not the flag) was a very important Canadian icon.

70%

THE CHARTER OF RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS
70 per cent of Canadians named the Charter of Rights and Freedoms as a "very important" symbol of Canadian identity.

SOURCE: STATISTICS CANADA

How the Charter impacts our daily lives

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

Canadians' affection for the Charter of Rights and Freedoms comes as no surprise to Richard Nimijean.

"Hockey and the RCMP may be symbols of Canadian life, but … the Charter affects our lives daily," said the Carleton University Canadian studies professor. "It not only shapes how we live, but it embodies our aspirations."

Nimijean notes that fondness for the Charter is higher among younger Canadians, who have grown up with its legacy of multiculturalism, tolerance and plurality.

That's bad news for the governing Conservatives, Nimijean said, as the party has had a historically prickly relationship with the Charter.

For example, Nimijean noted that in 2012, the government spent millions commemorating the War of 1812 despite polls showing Canadians wanted to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Charter instead.

"For some academics and politicians, the Charter is seen as an instrument that promotes special interests or prevents democratically elected governments from implementing their agendas.

"We know the Conservatives have had a number of losses in Charter cases, which may reinforce that view," he said.

WHAT TORONTO THINKS

According to Statistics Canada, the Charter of Rights and Freedoms is a more popular national symbol than the beaver.

But what do Torontonians think? Metro hit the streets to ask people what icons and values they most strongly associate with our country.

RYAN CATANIA: Diversity. There's a lot of different cultures.

DAVE BISSETT: Exposing your face. Not wearing a niqab.

FROM LEFT, ELLIE DOE-DEMOSSE, MELINA GUZZO AND MADDIE MONCADA ALL AGREE: Maple syrup, the Canadian flag and people saying sorry.

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READY TO ENGAGE

Metro's coast to coast daily election series connects young, urban Canadians to the issues they care about

No party has anything 'really bold and innovative'

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
in Toronto

Politics is fireworks to Rodney Diverlus — but this election is a dud.

That is why Diverlus, a hyper-passionate 25-year-old dancer and co-founder of Black Lives Matter Toronto, can both tear through an interview on the election, speaking in loud rapid-fire, and end up not voting for anyone.

In the midst of what he calls a supremely boring campaign, filled with parties and politicians who either don't speak to his issues, or don't represent his people — or do neither — Diverlus says he could conceivably hand Elections Canada a blank ballot.

"There's nothing bold, there's nothing exciting. None of the parties are offering anything really bold and innovative that are getting people to the polls that haven't been to the polls before," he tells me on the phone from Edmonton, where he's performing with Decidedly Jazz Danceworks.

At the core of Diverlus's politics is the policing of visible minorities, and in particular black Canadians.

"There's no national strategy to address police violence, and few accountability measures for the way police interact with black communities," he says. What is a national conversation in the U.S. remains siloed in individual Canadian communities, he argues.

He's concerned with Canada's penal system, too. Mandatory minimum sentences, he says, "put people in a box and say, 'You're not worthy of society.'" He imagines a system built more on restorative justice and reintegration, one that recognizes homelessness, poverty and desperation as root causes.

Diverlus, a recent university graduate, says his other key issue lies in his "30-plus-thousand dollars of debt" and how, if at all, the federal leaders plan to help him.

(After this interview was conducted, NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair announced a promise to gradually phase out interest on federal student loans.)

He knows the Greens are promising to relieve debt and end post-secondary tuition fees, but the party is "not even a close fourth."

He also doesn't relate to the Greens' "left-wing, white, hipster environmentalist" image. For that matter, he sees a "major lack of representation of racialized, indigenous and black folks" in all the major parties. (In 2011, visible minorities were only 9 per cent of elected MPs).

On the Conservatives: "Oh, gosh. Uhh..."

Aside from not aligning with "98 per cent" of his values, the party, he says, is running a campaign of "quick headlines, rapid points, fear mongering."

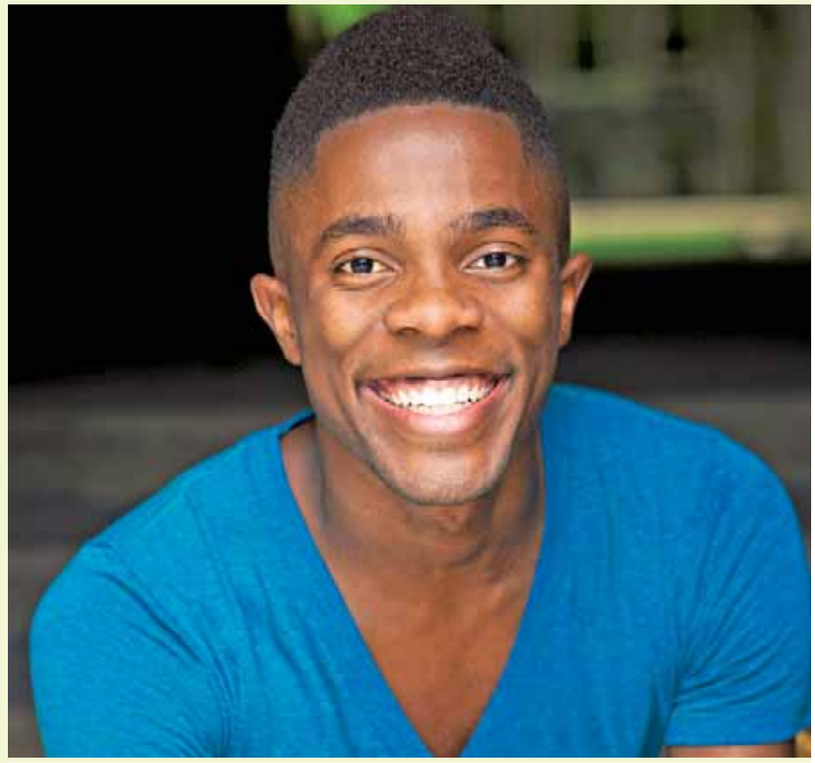
And he finds the Liberals hard to pin: "We're kind of left, kind of right, kind of supporting social services, kind of supporting corporations and military. We have our hands in community pockets, we have our hands in corporate pockets."

The NDP used to be a possible home for his vote, but he's seen the party move to the right, he says, and abandon its leftist base.

There's still time for politicians to speak to his issues, he notes. But he's not waking up wondering if today will be the day he dies in a terrorist attack. "I say, 'Will this be the day I have a negative interaction with the police? How will I pay down my student debt?'"

It might be a big election, but Diverlus sees far more hope in the day-to-day politics of community groups and local activism, the politics of "individual lives."

Rosemary Westwood is travelling across the country talking to young voters. She'll be in Toronto again tomorrow.



VOTER PROFILE

Name: Rodney Diverlus **Age:** 25 **Riding:** Spadina-Fort York
His issues: Justice-system reform, student-loan reform

Debate over minimum wage rages on campaign trail

INCOME

Getting paid enough to live is top issue for those in poverty

Shane Gibson
Metro | Winnipeg

For Dexter LaPlante the defining issue in this federal election is wages.

The 25-year-old recently left his 1-1/2-year-old son and girlfriend in Saskatoon for Winnipeg in the hopes of setting up a new life in the city for his young family.

But it's a struggle — he's going to school full-time to finish his Grade 12, lives in a one-room suite with his brother in Winnipeg's rough North End, and works a part-time job at night for a minimum wage that he says doesn't leave him with enough to live on.

"We've got to make sacrifices," said LaPlante, explaining when it comes to whether he can make rent, get to classes, or eat, the last priority is often food. "Just the other day I went to the food bank for food because I just moved in and we're starting from nothing."

LaPlante says he'll vote in the upcoming federal election and is interested in NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair's promise to raise to $15 the minimum wage for employees in federally regulated industries such as rail and air transportation, telecommunications, banks and uranium mining.

A hike to Manitoba's minimum wage Thursday brought LaPlante's hourly pay to $11.

Mulcair's pledge has come under fire because provinces would still control the minimum wage for jobs like LaPlante's, but Manitoba Federation of Labour president Kevin Rebeck calls it a good start.

"The federal change would impact about 100,000 people across Canada, but it also sets a benchmark for provinces," he said. "It would set the tone for provincial governments to say, 'Hey, shouldn't that apply in the provinces, too?"

> **What I'd rather have ... is them say, 'Here's a basic income and we guarantee it for all Canadians'.**
> David Northcott

Others, like David Northcott, who heads up Winnipeg Harvest — the food bank LaPlante has had to rely on to eat — argue a better plan would see a national living wage instituted.

"The living wage becomes the wage a family can live on and save on," said Northcott. "What I'd rather have from the federal government is them say, 'Here's a basic income and we guarantee it for all Canadians.'"

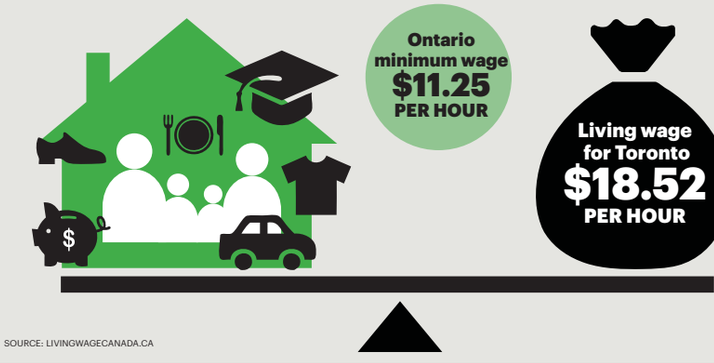
Whether it comes through a living wage or an increase to the minimum wage, LaPlante says he just needs more money to get by — and his vote will go to the party that sees that.

"These bills need to be paid, I need to eat, and I need money in my pocket."

BY THE NUMBERS

What it takes to get by in Toronto

Earning the legal minimum wage is one thing; living is something else. So says Living Wage Canada, a research organization that calculates what workers in various Canadian cities need to earn in order to supply a family of four with food, shelter, child care, clothing, transportation, emergency savings, medicine and education.



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Quebec heats up ahead of debate

ELECTION 2015

NDP numbers soften in polls, Grits and Tories look for gains

In Ascot Corner, Que., population 2,000, 50 farmers and a few tractors showed up this week to protest outside an all-candidates meeting.

Fifteen minutes away, in Sherbrooke, Calgary Conservative Jason Kenney came bearing his party's message on religious face-coverings as he campaigned with local candidates.

And in Quebec City, the National Assembly voted Thursday to condemn acts of hate and violence against Muslim citizens.

The federal campaign is hot in Quebec, with a few particularly provocative topics with the potential to shake up the vote. The final French-language debate Friday night, hosted by the TVA network, has become a high-stakes event for the leaders tussling over the province's 78 seats.

In recent weeks, the NDP's polling numbers in the province have softened, opening up the possibility of unexpected gains for their rivals.

For example, Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau is hoping to win back seats his party formerly held in Montreal. He was in the city's suburbs Thursday, promoting more transit infrastructure to alleviate the city's gridlock

The emotional issue of religious accommodation and specifically the wearing of face coverings during citizenship ceremonies, has become one of the most contentious issues. There is wide support in the province for the Conservative and Bloc Quebecois position that women wearing the niqab be forced to remove it when swearing the oath.

But the niqab issue also appears to have spurred more than just anti-Islamic rhetoric in the province. A pair of teens tore the headscarf from a pregnant woman in Montreal earlier in the week, causing her to fall on the ground. THE CANADIAN PRESS

WHERE THE LEADERS ARE FRIDAY

- **Stephen Harper**, **Justin Trudeau** and **Tom Mulcair** will all be in Montreal for tonight's French-language leaders' debate.

Elizabeth May's itinerary was unavailable.

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau addresses employees and supporters during a campaign stop at a forklift dealership in Montreal, Thursday. Trudeau is hoping to win back seats his party formerly held in the city. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

ELECTION 2015

Poilievre suggests Tories too busy to attend Ottawa debate

Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

Every Conservative candidate in the Ottawa area is too busy knocking on doors to attend the city's debate on municipal issues next week, Pierre Poilievre suggested Thursday.

Carleton, Ont., incumbent Poilievre was asked why the Tories aren't sending a candidate to the Oct. 5 debate in Ottawa. He replied they have done "dozens of debates" across the city.

"Of course, even with all these debates, our No. 1 priority is the literally tens of thousands of job interviews that we do on the doorstep," he told reporters at a news conference. "That's where our priority will be in the next several weeks leading up to the election."

Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson invited the parties to send one candidate each to the next week's debate, which will cover matters of importance to the city such as housing, transit and infrastructure funding.

Earlier this week, Watson called it "disappointing" that the Tories couldn't spare one local candidate for an hour to discuss municipal issues.

Poilievre said the candidates plan on attending more debates. However, he did not specify why they are skipping the city's.

AWARDS

'Alternative Nobel' for Inuit leader

Canadian Inuit leader Sheila Watt-Cloutier was selected Thursday as one of three winners of the 2015 Right Livelihood Awards — the so-called "alternative Nobels."

The organization cited Watt-Cloutier for her "lifelong work to protect the Inuit of the Arctic and defend their right to maintain their livelihoods and culture, which are acutely threatened by climate change."

She will share the equivalent of about $475,000 with Kasha Jacqueline Nabagesera of Uganda for her struggle for gay rights and sexual minorities, and Italian surgeon Gino Strada for providing medical assistance to victims of war.

Watt-Cloutier, who was born in Kuujjuaq in northern Quebec and was a nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007, is listed as a member of the board of directors with the group Canadians For a New Partnership.

Watt-Cloutier served as president of the Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC) Canada from 1995 until 1998 and was the council's international chairwoman from 2002 until 2006. The ICC represents some 155,000 Inuit in Canada and other northern countries.

Watt-Cloutier's numerous awards and 13 honorary doctorates include being made an Officer in the Order of Canada in 2006.

She is also the author of a book published earlier this year entitled The Right to Be Cold: One Woman's Story of Protecting Her Culture, the Arctic and the Whole Planet. THE CANADIAN PRESS, WITH FILES FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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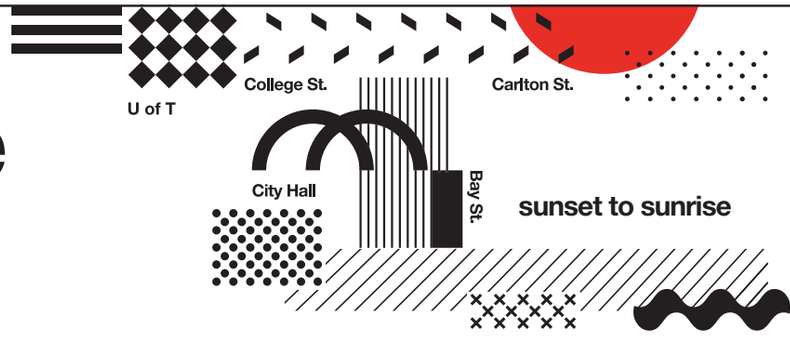

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‘It’s been a terrible day’: Sheriff

ROSEBURG, OREGON

Several dead in mass shooting at community college

A gunman opened fire at a community college in Roseburg, Oregon Thursday, killing at least nine people before dying in a shootout with police, authorities said.

A government official says the man who opened fire at an Oregon community college was 26-year-old Chris Harper Mercer.

The official wasn’t authorized to speak publicly and provided the name on condition of anonymity.

Authorities shed no light on the gunman’s motive and said they were investigating.

Douglas County Sheriff John Hanlin said 10 people were dead — including the gunman — and seven wounded after the attack at Umpqua Community College in the small timber town of Roseburg, about 180 miles south of Portland.

Earlier, Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum said 13 people were killed. It was unclear what led to the discrepancy.

“It’s been a terrible day,” a grim-faced Hanlin said. “Certainly this is a huge shock to our community.”

Hours after the attack, a visibly angry President Barack Obama spoke to reporters at the White House, saying the U.S. is becoming numb to mass shootings and that the shooters have “sickness” in their minds.

Repeating his support for tighter gun-control measures, the president said thoughts and prayers are no longer enough in such situations because they do nothing to stop similar attacks from happening a few weeks or months later.

He challenged voters wanting to confront the problem to vote for elected officials who will act.

Some students were in tears as they left. Police lined up students in a parking lot with their hands over their heads and searched them before they were bused with faculty to the nearby county fairgrounds, where counsellors were available and some parents waited for their children.

Interim college President Rita Cavin said it was awful to watch families waiting for the last bus of survivors and their loved ones were not on it.

“This is a tragedy,” she said. “We have a wonderful, warm, loving and friendly campus.”

The sheriff’s office reported on Twitter that it received a call about the shooting at 10:38 a.m..

Former UCC President Joe Olson, who retired in June, said the school had no formal security staff, just one officer on a shift.

“I suspect this is going to start a discussion across the country about how community colleges prepare themselves for events like this,” he said.

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Authorities respond to a report of a shooting at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Ore., on Thursday.

MICHAEL SULLIVAN/THE NEWS-REVIEW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOCIAL MEDIA

Shooter may have warned of plans on 4chan

The Umpqua College appears to have left a warning about the crime on 4chan, a popular online forum that allows users to post anonymously.

The original post is no longer available — 4chan does not archive conversations — but screenshots of the thread began circulating after news broke of the shooting Thursday afternoon.

“Some of you guys are alright. Don’t go to school tomorrow if you’re in the northwest,” the anonymous poster says in a thread that appears to be dated early Thursday morning. Some 4chan users egged the person on, encouraging them to post updates. 4chan has often been the source of online pranks and hoaxes, and the nature of the site makes it difficult to verify the exchange is real.

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UMPQUA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Killer asked people’s religion, student says

A student at the Oregon community college where a mass shooting occurred says the gunman shot her teacher and asked others in her classroom about their religion before spraying more bullets.

Eighteen-year-old Kortney Moore of Rogue River tells the Roseburg News-Review newspaper that she was in a writing class at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg on Thursday when a shot came through a window.

The gunman entered her classroom and told people to get on the ground.

Moore says the man started asking people to stand up and state their religion and then opened fire.

Nursing student Jared Norman said he heard shots and “then everyone was running,” local paper Roseburg News-Review reported.

Lorie Andrews, 57, who lives across the street from the campus, said she heard what sounded like fireworks followed by sirens.

“One girl came out wrapped in a blanket with blood on her,” Andrews said.

“Everybody is in shock,” she told The Oregonian. “Very, very shocked.”

English Prof. Jillianne Michell was in Snyder hall, the epicenter of the shooting, when it started.

“I heard the shots,” she told The Oregonian. “It was a lot.”

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IN BRIEF

Clinton calls for ‘sensible’ gun laws

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton says of the deadly shooting in Roseburg, Oregon, that it’s beyond her comprehension that “we are seeing these mass murders happen again and again and again.”

Clinton said after a Dorchester, Mass., campaign event that the nation needs to “get the political will to do everything we can to keep people safe.”

She says there’s a way to have sensible gun control measures that keep firearms out of the wrong hands and save lives. The former secretary of state says she’s committed to doing everything she can to achieve that.

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TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP

Canada trying to seal deal

The Canadian government is eager enough to complete a historic trade agreement this week that the country's lead minister has no idea when he'll be back home campaigning in the federal election.

In his first full day at the meetings that could ultimately clinch the 12-country Trans-Pacific Partnership, Ed Fast said he's willing to stay as long as it takes. He said he doesn't yet have a return plane ticket to British Columbia because, he says, completing the deal is critical to Canada's economy.

"What I can say is that Canada is prepared to negotiate, to stay here until we have a deal," the international trade minister said Wednesday.

"We believe we are on track to do so."

He insisted that he's also willing to walk away if necessary: "I can't prejudge whether there will be a deal this weekend … We are only going to sign a deal that is in our national interest."

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LG doubles down

SMARTPHONES

Firm hopes dual display, wider selfies will halt slide

South Korean smartphone maker LG Electronics Inc. unveiled a new smartphone Thursday with an additional screen and a camera that can capture a wider scene when taking a selfie, hoping to arrest a slide in its market share.

The V10 comes with another screen above the main 5.7-inch display.

The small second screen can stay on to display weather, time and date when the main display is turned off. It has room for frequently used apps and can receive notifications while using the main screen to watch a video.

The V10 smartphone is LG's latest attempt to make headway in the premium mobile phone market. Its flagship G series phones were edged out by new phones from Samsung and Apple.

A visitor tries LG Electronics Inc.'s new V10 phone during its unveiling ceremony in Seoul, South Korea, Thursday. LEE JIN-MAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The company has lost its market share in the smartphone market in recent months, falling to the seventh place globally as Chinese vendors surpassed its shipments.

The new phone's front camera is equipped with a standard 80-degree lens and a 120-degree wide-angle lens option. That means a larger group can fit into a selfie shot taken with the V10.

"The ability to take group selfies without a selfie-stick has never been easier," LG said in a statement.

The V10 phone will go on sale in South Korea later this month for 800,000 won ($678 US) without a contract from a carrier, followed by the U.S. launch next month.

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IN BRIEF

Call of Duty under fire for fake terror attack tweets

A series of promotional tweets for the Call of Duty video game came under some criticism because they described a terrorist attack with no immediate disclaimers stating they were fictional. The War of the Worlds-style tweets were designed to look like those of a news organization. The first tweet announced unconfirmed reports of an explosion at the Singapore Marina. Call of Duty: Black Ops III takes place in a fictional city overrun by zombies.

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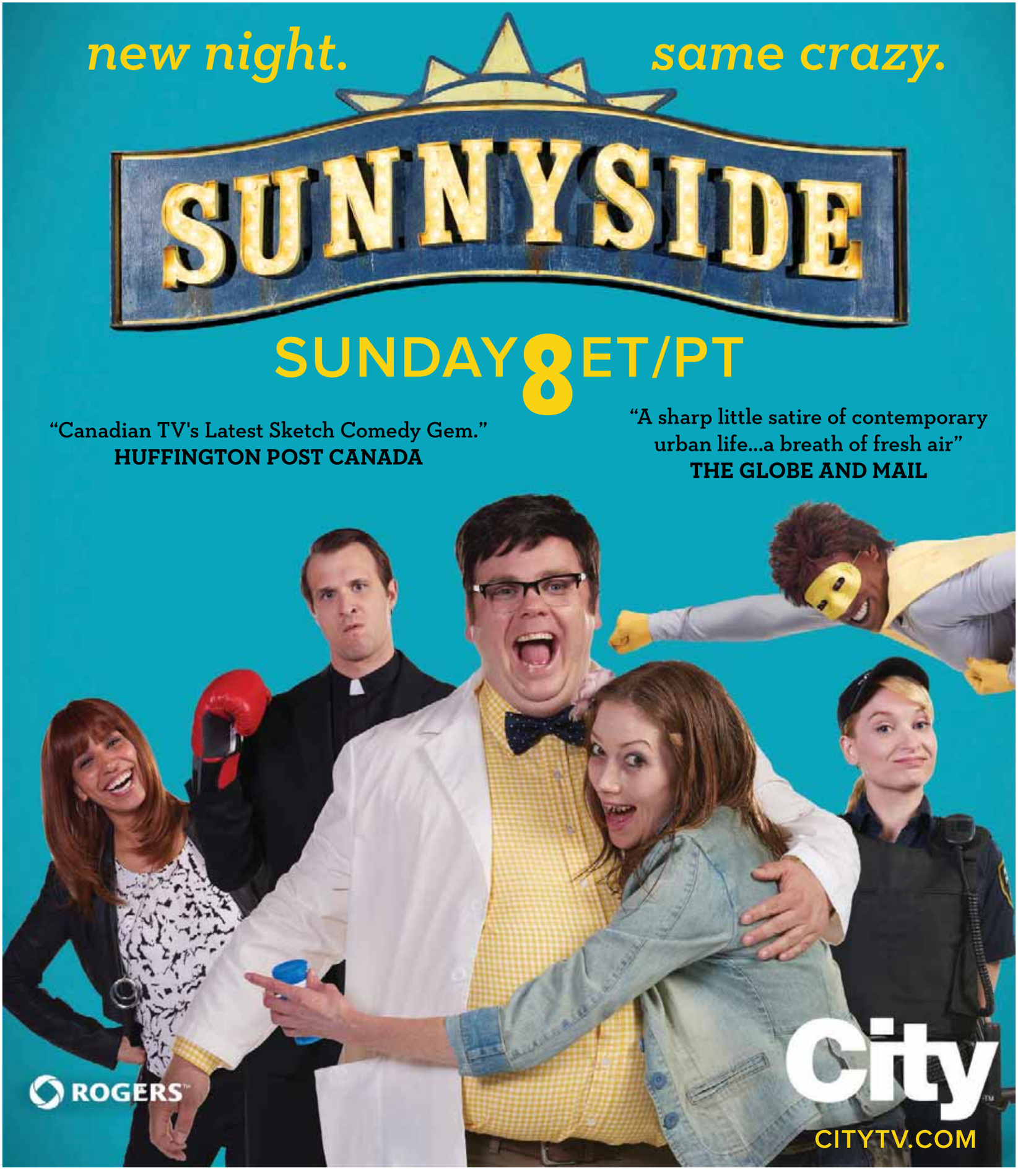
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Feeling frustrated: Apple has given a makeover to its dreaded "Wheel of Death" icon, which pleads users for patience — though it's not clear if the cleaner lines have a calming effect.

PRO CON

Where are you really from?

It's an awkward question people get pretty often if others have trouble placing their ethnicity. But is it offensive, or even racist?

YES: I'm just as Canadian as any white person

Christine Estima
For Metro

The bane of my existence has been this dialogue:

"Where are you from?"

"Montreal."

"No, where are you *really* from?"

Why does this chip away at my sense of self and national identity?

When someone asks, "But where are you really from?" what they're really saying is, "You're not white, and you don't adhere to my stringent idea of what constitutes a Canadian. So why are you here?"

It's a subtle form of racism that hides behind the banner of, "Oh, I'm just curious." You're not curious. You just refuse to accept minorities are part of Canada's mosaic.

It's a subtle form of racism that hides behind, 'Oh, I'm just curious.'

Canada's history is so steeped in multiculturalism and diversity, yet it's amazing how the image of what a Canadian looks like doesn't include me. I have been told time and time again that I'm not a real Canadian, and alternately that I have abandoned the culture people think I *should* belong to.

One woman — a complete stranger, I might add — came up to me on the street and said, "You look like you're from a race that hasn't been invented yet." Good one!

I'm of mixed heritage, half Portuguese and half Lebanese, with one great-grandfather who came from Syria. I was born and raised in Montreal, I speak English and French, I grew up ice skating and I know all the lyrics to The Log Driver's Waltz.

The only culture I've ever known is Canadian, but because I have thick eyebrows, olive skin and other Mediterranean features, my qualifications, personality and intelligence are never as important as my "fiery Latina" look.

Eye roll.

I get it; you can't place my ethno-cultural heritage. But when you ask me where I'm from, you need to accept the answer I give you.

Because I'm from Montreal.

If the only way you can interact with someone is by categorizing their ethnicity first, you are reducing complex human beings to the sum of their parts. And I refuse to buy into your binary rhetoric.

If you can't figure out my ethnicity, here's what you should do:

1) Don't worry about it and go about your day.

So when someone asks me, "But where are you *really* from?" I reply, "I'm just as Canadian as any white person."

It brings their implied racism to the fore. Most importantly, it messes with their heads for my viewing pleasure.

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NO: We're more sensitive now, but not more thoughtful

Deena Douara Karim
Metro | Toronto

People, you're allowed to say "black." I have it on good word.

When I asked a colleague to identify a woman I was looking for, his response included "red jacket," "shortish hair," and "not tall." Not having noted the colour of jackets that day, I finally asked, "Is she black?"

We've become quite sensitive but not more thoughtful. It's our prejudices — not our vision — that need to be tempered. (And yes, I would have mentioned whiteness too if it was useful.)

The most progressive amongst us have a knee-jerk reaction to all references to race and ethnicity. Basically, you don't refer to either unless it's followed by an injustice.

Maybe that's one reason we've deemed offensive the once-innocuous, "Where are you from?"

Sure, the question is clumsy ... but do we really think it's about immigration status?

Sure, the question is clumsy and imprecise, but do we genuinely think people are asking about our immigration status?

I too am asked where I'm from, but I'm not offended if someone recognizes that I may also belong to a culture that coexists with our shared one. Why conclude they think I'm "less Canadian" than Stephen Harper's "old-stock" variety? I can't help but think there's defensiveness in such a response. I'm not Canadian minus Egyptian. I'm Canadian plus Egyptian.

In my case, my background does add layers of language, tradition and religion to my identity. And as a poor small-talker, layers of conversation as well.

I understand the concerns. Why should it matter? Why single out "ethnic-looking" minorities?

Certainly ethnicity shouldn't matter to an employer, police officer or judge. But it matters. My parents left the comfort of their family, language and community for an unknown far away. That shaped me. Wary and protective, I wasn't allowed to spend the night out. That also shaped me.

While nothing is universal, if there were no common experiences then "Signs you were raised by (insert ethnicity) parents" videos wouldn't make us laugh.

I'm certain there are minorities who've lived no culture but Canadian culture; but I know many more who visit "back home"; take pride in passed-down recipes and bond over shared childhood embarrassments. There are a range of reasons people ask about my background, and reasons I'm curious about yours. Maybe I've travelled to that country and would like to share my experience, or I'd like to visit one day and would welcome your insights. Perhaps you have questions about Egypt and (correctly) assume I've paid more attention. Maybe next time you hear about terrorist Arabs you'll remember, because you asked, that there's at least one peace-loving Arab in your life.

We shouldn't have to pretend not to see skin colour, hear accents or recognize features. We're not all the same — but why is that the goal?

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The Tories have more Muslim supporters than you might expect

Steven Zhou
For Metro

Popular convention has it that Canadian Muslims and Stephen Harper's Conservative Party just don't get along.

Conservatives refer to the Muslim community as a hotbed of extremist violence and cultural backwardness in order to justify their security and immigration legislation. There's significant backlash among Muslims, many of whom don't want to be made to feel like they're not part of Canada.

So there's a lot of truth to the assertion that Muslims don't like Stephen Harper, but there's actually more to the picture than meets the eye.

A recent surge in anti-Harper organizing by Muslims inside Ontario makes it appear anti-Tory sentiment now fuels all Muslims politically. Moreover that it's what will drive Muslims to the polls on Oct. 19, where most will vote against Harper. This may be accurate enough, but it ignores the ultraconservative streak within the Muslim community. The truth is, a sizeable portion of Canadian Muslims vote Conservative.

Muslims who are organizing their communities against Harper have been politicized a certain way. Those who have been paying attention to the current administration know Muslims have been caricatured as this country's bogeymen. And they're likely to seek alternatives. But they don't account for all Canadian Muslims.

Plenty of Muslims just don't care. Their apathy is reflected in part by the community's low voter turnout. It means a good portion of Canadian Muslims aren't politicized much, let alone in a way that aligns them with a progressive agenda. An Ipsos Reid exit poll showed the Liberals got the most support from Muslims in 2011, but also that 12 per cent of voting Muslims went Tory. This isn't a huge number, but not a negligible one either.

Muslims who haven't been shown the effects of the so-called "Harper decade" on the Muslim community are more likely to use social issues as a guide when approaching politics. Many Muslims tend to boil their religious identity down to being pro-life, anti-gay marriage, or some other mishmash of reactionary stances. Their political outlook isn't influenced by much else.

These are the Muslims who look at Harper and see a family man who mows his lawn and doesn't like to overspend. (They're not familiar with the Tories' consecutive national deficits). In other words, they think, "He's socially conservative and fiscally conservative, just like me."

Instead of mocking what they see as the Muslim Tories' apparent lack of political awareness, Muslims who want to replace Harper should recognize the size of their opposition within their very own community.

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Members of cast met representatives from NASA and the European Space Agency in preparation for shooting The Martian. TWENTIETH CENTURY FOX

Fantasy of space now a reality

SPACE DRAMA

Scott says The Martian was 'a much more realistic movie'

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Director Ridley Scott says his new film, The Martian, is much more realistic than his other, classic space dramas.

"The fantasy of space," he said, "which is now also a reality, is a marvellous platform and a form of theatre. Honestly, almost anything goes. But, if anything goes whether you do a play, a book or a film, you've got to actually make your own rule book and stick within the confines of the rules you make. So, if I'm doing space fantasy like Alien or Prometheus, I've got to draw up the sidelines of the rule book and stick within them. It's still a fantasy because it's never going to happen. (The Martian) is a lot easier because, actually, you can lean very heavily on the science in the book. This was a much more realistic movie."

That realism stems from source novel by Andy Weir, a self-professed science geek who worked to ensure that the story of Mark Watney, an astronaut who survives after being left for dead on Mars, felt genuine.

"The basic structure of the Mars program in the book is very similar to a plan called Mars Direct, though I made changes here and there," he said, in a Q & A on the Penguin Random House website. "It's the most likely way that we will have our first Mars mission in real life. All the facts about Mars are accurate, as well as the physics of space travel the story presents. I even calculated the various orbital paths involved in the story, which required me to write my own software to track constant-thrust trajectories."

As research the actors met with representatives from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory and the European Space Agency.

"I got to go to the JPL in Pasadena and meet with all the robotics guys and see the Curiosity Rover and do virtual reality to be on Mars and see what that would be like," said Jessica Chastain, who plays the commander of the Mars mission. "Then I went to Houston and met with Tracy Caldwell Dyson, who's an astronaut and talked to her."

The cast says filming the zero gravity and space walk scenes involved careful planning and wirework to make them look authentic. "It's choreographed to within an inch of its life and we're just along for the ride," said Chastain. "It feels very much like a dance and there is choreography to it," adds Kate Mara, "but, once you do it, you really do feel like a little kid."

The former House of Cards star says Scott was enthusiastic about shooting those scenes. "Maybe he was just faking it really well (but he) seemed just as excited as we did when were doing the scenes floating through the air."

Matt Damon, who demonstrated another technique to achieve the look of weightlessness on screen at The Martian TIFF press conference — standing on one leg while slowly waving his hands through the air — said that,"one of the things that is fun about making movies and (also) totally, totally ridiculous is that we are grownups doing this."

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

The Walk	★★★★
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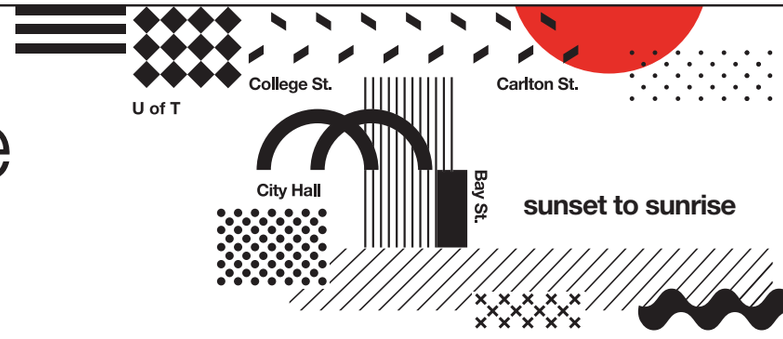

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National Lampoon's long legacy

DOCUMENTARY

Film looks at pivotal time in comedy history

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada

There are few things in the comedy world that have been more influential than National Lampoon.

As highlighted in the new documentary Drunk Stoned Brilliant Dead: The Story of the National Lampoon, the raunchy satirical magazine not only launched the careers of the likes of Bill Murray, John Belushi and a series of hit comedies like Vacation and Animal House, it inspired today's top comic minds including Judd Apatow and Al Jean — longtime writer/producer of The Simpsons.

We caught up with Jean recently to discuss the legacy of filth left behind by National Lampoon.

As a fan, is there an article or sketch that's stayed with you all these years?

Oh, a bunch of them.

I love the Vietnamese Baby Book. We had baby books but this was for a kid in Vietnam and it had baby's first Band-Aid, baby's first flesh wound — done in a cutesy baby-book style.

Also, the cover (which read) 'If you don't buy this magazine, we'll shoot this dog' may be the best magazine cover ever and the dog looks so funny, it kills me every time.

Have you ever stolen any ideas from your Lampoon days and used it on The Simpsons?

No, the only reason being the magazine was pretty much reaching for a vulgar tone that The Simpsons wouldn't be doing. Before (co-writer Mike Reiss and I) quit, we were asked to write a parody of Raiders of the Lost Ark where instead of a big boulder, it was a big boob and Mike and I were so happy that we didn't have to finish it.

After the magazine folded in 1998, National Lampoon as a brand lost even more prestige because of its association with a string of lowbrow straight-to-video college movies that borrowed its name.

There's no humour or sensibility to them. This documentary is the best film with the National Lampoon name on it in 20 years!

So what should the average person take away from watching this documentary?

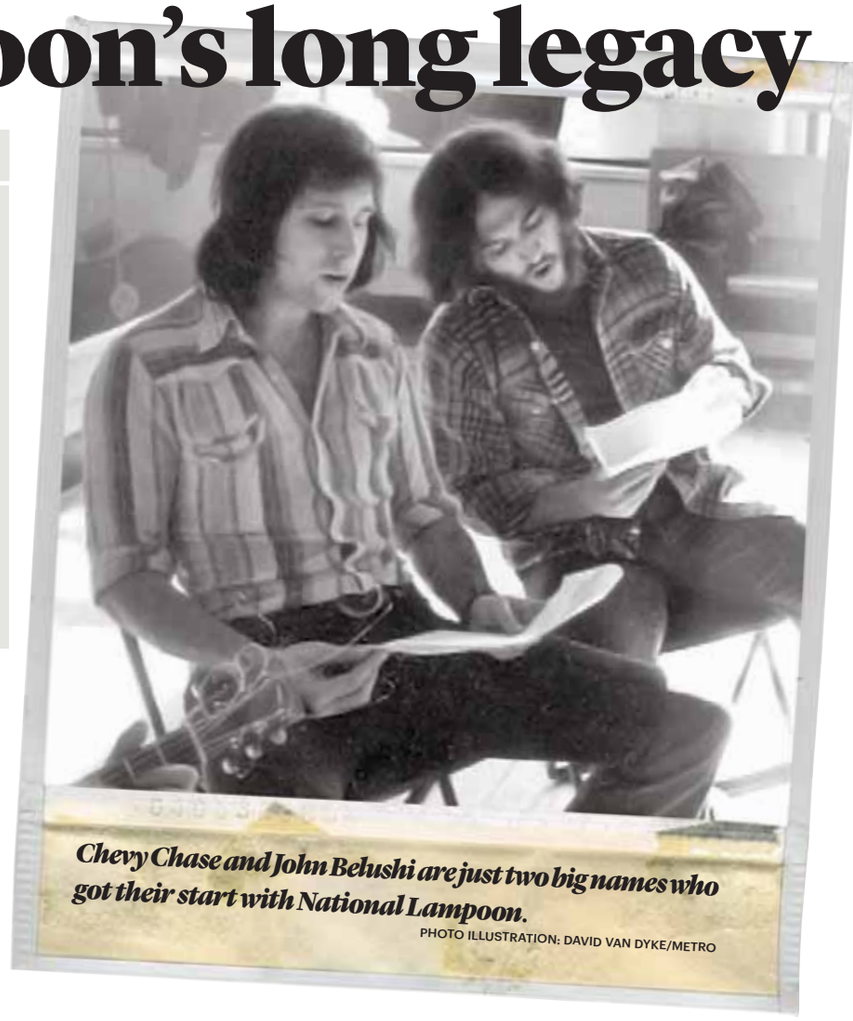
A lot of people may not be aware that before Saturday Night Live and The Simpsons, there was this institution that was enormous in its influence that really gave birth to the (comedy) that you're most familiar with over the last 30 years.

Drunk Stoned Brilliant Dead opens in Toronto on Friday or can be viewed on VOD.

STAR POWER

Lampoon's far-reaching influence on entertainment

- Singer Meat Loaf once toured with the National Lampoon Road Show before he hit it big with his 1977 album Bat Out of Hell
- Legendary 1980s filmmaker John Hughes (The Breakfast Club) was one of the raunchiest writers in the magazine's history
- In 1975, National Lampoon talents John Belushi, Gilda Radner and Chevy Chase all left the magazine to star on upstart Saturday Night Live.



Chevy Chase and John Belushi are just two big names who got their start with National Lampoon.

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DRAMA

The Walk

Director: Robert Zemeckis
Starring: Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Ben Kingsley

The Walk is the true story of a young dreamer, Philippe Petit, and a band of unlikely recruits who together achieve the impossible: an illegal wire walk in the immense void between the World Trade Center towers.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE
Critics: 85% Audience: 93%

DRAMA

Coming Home

Director: Yimou Zhang
Starring: Chen Daoming, Li Gong

Lu Yanshi (Chen Daoming) and Feng Wanyu (Gong Li) are a devoted couple forced to separate when Lu is arrested and sent to a labour camp as a political prisoner, just as his wife is injured in an accident.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE
Critics: 91% Audience: 82%

DOCUMENTARY

Jafar Panahi's Taxi

Director: Jafar Panahi
Starring: Jafar Panahi

This lauded slice-of-life movie stars exiled Iranian filmmaker Jafar Panahi as he poses as a taxi driver in Tehran, in this series of portraits of everyday characters hiring his driving services.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE
Critics: 94% Audience: 76%

DOCUMENTARY

Mission To Lars

Director: James Moore, William Spicer
Starring: Tom Spicer, Will Spicer

Kate and Will Spicer's brother, Tom, has Fragile X Syndrome, the most common form of inherited learning disability. He is also a massive fan of Lars Ulrich from Metallica. They made a promise to Tom that they would get him to meet Lars. Together they went on a Mission to Lars.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE
Critics: 89% Audience: 71%

DRAMA

Sicario

Director: Denis Villeneuve
Starring: Emily Blunt, Benicio Del Toro, Josh Brolin

In the lawless border area stretching between the U.S. and Mexico, an idealistic FBI agent (Emily Blunt) is enlisted by an elite government task force official (Josh Brolin) to aid in the escalating war against drugs.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE
Critics: 93% Audience: 90%

SCI-FI

The Martian

Director: Ridley Scott
Starring: Matt Damon, Jessica Chastain

During a manned mission to Mars, Astronaut Mark Watney (Matt Damon) is presumed dead after a storm and left behind by his crew. But Watney has survived and finds himself stranded alone on the hostile planet. With only meagre supplies, he must draw upon his ingenuity and find a way to signal to Earth he is alive.

ROTTEN TOMATOES™ SCORE
Critics: 92% Audience: 99%

THE TV DINNER JESSICA ALLEN

PBS's Indian Summers contrasts the locals' political unrest with colonial rule and the British elite. It's romance meets revolution.

Although the PBS Masterpiece series Indian Summers only premiered on this side of the Atlantic on Sunday night, it feels like people have been talking about it for weeks. Okay, a few people: namely two friends who've had sneak peaks of the British period drama and are obsessed with it.

"Imagine Downton Abbey," they say, "only it's set in India." Or, as the New York Times put it, imagine two shows about "good-looking British people misbehaving in beautiful surroundings."

In place of the upstairs-downstairs dynamic of Downton's Yorkshire country estate, Indian Summers, set in 1932 — 15 years before independence — contrasts the cultural divide between the locals' political unrest with colonial rule and the British elite who retreat every summer to palatial homes atop tea plantations in the cooler Himalayan foothills. Think: bright, bold saris, cream linen suits, pastel silk dresses, and breezy lace lazily cooling glistening brows amidst the romance, the revolution — and the gossip.

I watched Sunday night and devoured the eye candy but the cast of characters aren't as irresistible as Downton's. That doesn't mean I won't stay with the series, not only because I have faith in PBS, but also because you have to give a show time to grow on you.

Sort of like a restaurant. Take Café Boulud. When it first opened in October 2012 in Toronto's Four Seasons hotel, the food reviews were excellent, which is not surprising, considering Daniel Boulud is one of the most celebrated chefs working today. But few held back when it came to taking jabs at the decor. "It would not be out of place in a Rust Belt airport hotel and conference centre, circa 1997," wrote one restaurant critic.

THE MEAL: Périgord-style duck

THE SHOW: Indian Summers

Two years later, they did something about it. Now, Café Boulud 2.0 is an eye-popping space with a warm palate of rich greens and oranges. This is no Disney-like interpretation of a Paris bistro: it's original, yet familiar. Same goes for the new, edited menu, which I sampled far too much of on Monday night. We started with cod croquettes and a Lyonnaise frisée salad with — and this is extremely important — crispy lardons. Duck, Périgord style, followed. Then came a Boulud signature dish of white sausage, apples and mashed potatoes. We were too full to move, so we ordered profiteroles, served under a dome of dark chocolate that dissipated once a molten lava of more chocolate was poured on top, and pineapple made golden via the in-house rotisserie that churns out whole chickens, not to mention a variety of meats, fish and vegetables.

Beyond the food and room, there is the clientele — a mix of international travellers, local hoi polloi and upstart "kids" like us — providing spectacle. As we finished our desert, we spied at a neighbouring table an upstairs-downstairs moment worthy of Downton itself. A mature man with a much younger woman sent back his nearly finished diet Coke because the glass smelled "musty."

The server, who had anticipated our every need with nimbleness said the only scent he detected was aspartame. All the same, he hurried over a fresh serving.

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's The Social.

TV BRIEFS

Serial to become TV show

The hit podcast Serial is being developed into a television series. Fox 21 Television Studios and writer/directors Christopher Miller and Phil Lord (The Lego Movie, 21 Jump Street) plan to bring the true-crime podcast to TV, Deadline.com reported Wednesday. The TV series will centre on the making of a podcast like Serial as it follows a case. "Chris and Phil take an unexpected approach to telling stories and that is so appealing to us," Julie Snyder, who co-produced Serial, told Deadline. A spinoff of This American Life, Serial premiered in 2014 and was hosted by Sarah Koenig. Serial's second season, which is set to premiere this fall, will look at the case of U.S. soldier Bowe Bergdahl, who disappeared from a base in Afghanistan in 2009. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Director Denis Villeneuve, above, called on cinematographer Roger Deakins — known for his stunning work with shadows — to set the scene in Sicario. CONTRIBUTED

Seeing the light in the dark

SICARIO

Denis Villeneuve calls on master cinematographer for latest film

"The Prince of Darkness" was the nickname of cinematographer legend Gordon Willis, but Roger Deakins, too, has shown a kingly command of shadows.

Recall the sleek Shanghai skyscraper scene of Skyfall, the desperate moonlit horse ride of True Grit, or the early dawn dog chase of No Country for Old Men. In Denis Villeneuve's drug war thriller Sicario, Deakins adds to his nighttime reel with a memorable border tunnel pursuit, seen through night vision and infrared perspectives.

Sicario, which opens across the country today, could be the film that finally rights one of cinema's greatest wrongs, and lands the 66-year-old British cinematographer his first Oscar. Deakins has been nominated 12 times and is generally acknowledged as one of the movies' greatest visual minds.

The regular director of photography for the Coen brothers, Deakins is less likely to speak of an impressive shot than about how the photography is always in the service of character, script and circumstances. Sicario, his second film with the Québécois director Villeneuve following Prisoners, has its grim darkness, but much of it — like a shootout in bumper-to-bumper traffic — takes place under the harsh desert light of the Mexican border.

He and Villeneuve recently spoke about making Sicario, for which Deakins drew inspiration from the French filmmaker Jean-Pierre Melville.

What makes the two of you fit well together?

Villeneuve: It's strange. It's like two totally different animals that can communicate together. We are from totally different backgrounds. ... just shot with Bradford Young. ... As much as I loved working with Bradford, I realized how much I learned working with Roger. I was saying to myself, 'It's the only movie I've made with two cinematographers.' Because I always had you in my mind saying, 'Don't put the camera there. Don't do that. Move faster.'

Deakins: Nag, nag, nag.

V: People are always asking what is your biggest influence from other filmmakers? It's always Roger for me. Honestly, it's a massive privilege for me. I'm missing you a lot, sir.

D: I'm missing you, too. We did hit it off straight away, didn't we? The first time we met we seemed to hit it off. We're both very honest with each other, which is good.

What was your approach to shooting in the desert?

V: There was the idea to embrace nature, to inspire ourselves from the desert, to work with the brutality of the sun. We were working with a tight schedule and I was aware Roger would have to shoot sometimes in bad light, not having the luxury to shoot in perfect light. I remember saying should we try to embrace that, to have actors with shadows, to have silhouettes in the sun. There was a photographer that Roger loves, Alex Webb, that was an inspiration in the colour of Mexico.

D: That script on Prisoners, it could have become so melodramatic. But it was a matter of stripping it down and getting to the sense of it. To me, the whole film ends up being about: How far do you go? What is right? To me, Sicario relates to so much more than just drug trafficking. It relates to Guantanamo Bay and the whole bit.

V: We really insisted, Roger and I, to shoot in Mexico. We didn't want to recreate the Mexican culture in the United States — we thought that would be impossible. Luckily, we were able through time and a lot of meetings to convince them.

D: A LOT of meetings.

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NEW PROJECTS

Kate, Ellen on same page

Kate Mara says she's teaming up with her good friend Ellen Page for a project they will both produce and star in.

The House of Cards star hinted at the plans while promoting her new film The Martian at the Toronto International Film Festival.

Mara wouldn't reveal details, but said she was keen to work with her Canadian pal, who was also at the festival with the films Freeheld and Into the Forest.

"It's probably too early to talk about but we're going to star in something that we're producing together," Mara said.

"We're good friends but we also really want to work together as actors so hopefully that will happen soon."

In The Martian, Mara plays an astronaut who is part of a manned mission to Mars cut short by a massive sand storm.

Mara said she leapt at the chance to work with Ridley Scott, director of The Martian, whose other galactic visions include Alien and Blade Runner.

"Ridley likes to do things big, he always kind of has," chuckled Mara, who batted away questions about her last big spectacle — the heavily panned Fantastic Four.

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Kate Mara, left, and Ellen Page GETTY IMAGES

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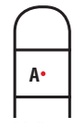

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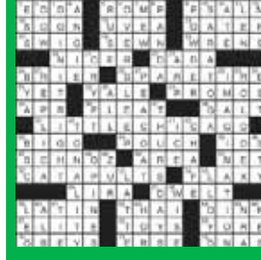

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7 Things to know about the new Homeland

SEASON PREMIERE

Fifth season promises to be unlike any of the past runs

Brian Gasparek
For Metro Canada

The wait is finally over. After nine long months, Homeland officially returns to our living rooms this Sunday night.

After redeeming itself as one of television's best thrillers last year, the fifth season of the political drama has become one of this fall's most highly anticipated returns.

But this round of Homeland is expected to be different than everything we've seen in the series over the past five years. This season promises to deliver a major creative overhaul to the show's setting, political themes and to the lives of Carrie Mathison and our other favourite characters.

So what can you expect with all of the changes? We're here to fill you in.

Here are seven things you need to know going into Homeland this season.

1 Goodbye Islamabad, hello Berlin

Time has skipped ahead quite a bit since we last left Carrie, Saul and Quinn. We will learn that season five takes place two and a half years after the season four finale. We will also see that the show has found a brand new setting. This season was shot completely in Berlin, where Carrie now lives. Fun fact: Homeland is officially the first U.S. show to ever film entirely on location in Germany.

2 Carrie has a new job

Carrie's days as an intelligence officer are long gone… at least for now. This season we will find her estranged from the CIA and diligently working for a private security firm in Berlin. In the premiere, we will learn that Carrie is now the head of security for a German philanthropist named Otto Düring.

Carrie embraces motherhood and a new boyfriend in Season Five of Homeland. CONTRIBUTED

3 Tackling ISIS, Vladimir Putin, Edward Snowden

Homeland will finally get away from its ongoing theme of U.S. and Middle Eastern relations in season five. This year's storyline is set to touch on updated real life foreign issues including ISIS, Vladimir Putin, the Charlie Hebdo shooting and Edward Snowden.

4 Carrie is all about being a mom now

Despite the horrible "bathtub scene" that we had to endure between her and her baby daughter in season four, we will now find Carrie to be a loving, interested, bedtime-story-reading mother.

Hard to believe, right?

5 She also has a new boyfriend

We will also learn that Carrie has a new, live-in love interest. His name is Jonas Hollander and he's a lawyer for the foundation that Carrie does security work for. Jonas has a slight ginger resemblance to Carrie's late ex and baby daddy Nick Brody.

6 Carrie has turned to religion

Who would have thought that Carrie would become a devout Christian this season? Apparently a couple calendar years and a new country have changed her. In Carrie's first scene this season, she will be taking communion at a church in Berlin.

7 Still on bad terms with Saul and Quinn

In the premiere, we will find out that two and a half years hasn't changed the relationship between Carrie, Saul and Quinn. Carrie is still out of touch with both of her former CIA partners. But we can only assume that we will see them both in Berlin very quickly this season.

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Call this number

Lana picking up phone calls from fans isn't a new gimmick

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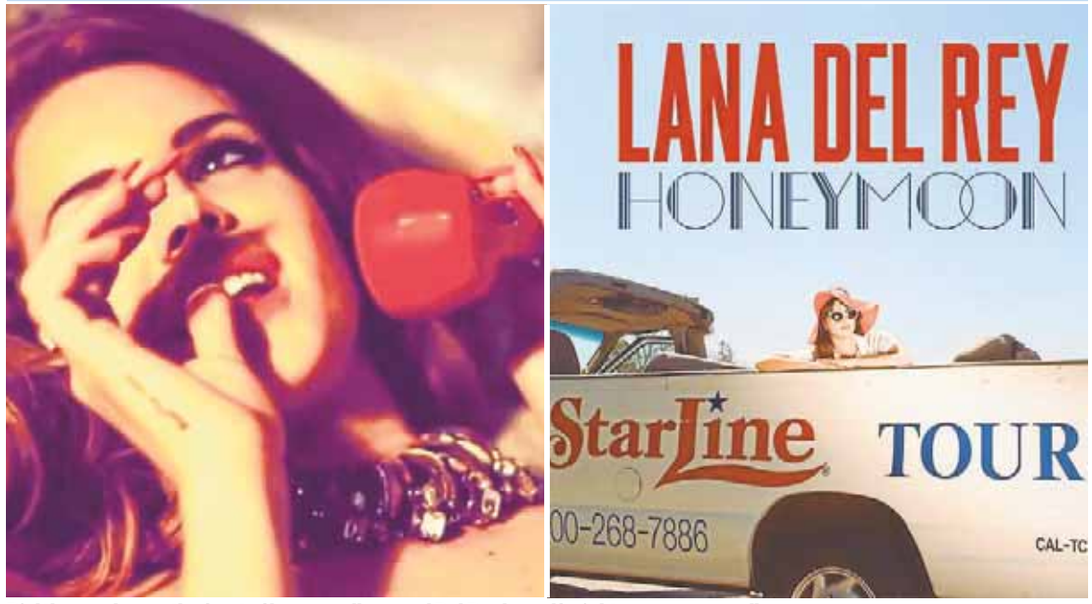


Dial the number on the front of her new album and Del Rey herself might answer your call. HANDOUT

On the cover of Lana Del Rey's new album, Honeymoon, she's seen in the back seat of a convertible belonging to what looks like one of those "tour the stars' homes" companies in L.A. You'd expect that if you called the number — 1-800-268-7886 — you'd get the head office of StarLine Tours, right?

Nope. Had you called last week, you would have been connected directly to... Lana Del Rey.

After Instagramming the message "Call me, I'm home," fans took that as a hint to call her at that number. (I tried calling it this week but all I got was a message saying that I couldn't be connected because of "technical difficulties.")

This isn't the first time a star has been available over the phone. On Jan. 8, 1995, Pearl Jam held a syndicated radio broadcast in which Eddie Vedder gave out his cellphone number and for the next 10 days, he periodically answered it. For a while, Pearl Jam also set up a low-power pirate FM radio station after gigs, spinning songs and taking phone calls from fans lingering in the parking lot.

That's fun, but it's nothing when compared to what happened with Tommy Tutone's 1981 hit 867-5309/Jenny, a fake number dreamed up just for the song. All across the continent, people called the number, sometimes using multiple area codes, just to see who would answer.

A couple in Alabama who got tired of phones calls at 3 a.m. even launched a lawsuit over the harassment.

Thirty-four years later, the number is more popular than ever. If you want to be annoying, pick any area code — even 800, 855, 866 or 877 — and see what you get.

A lot of businesses and media outlets have grabbed the number because it's such an easy set of digits to remember. (Plumbing companies seem partial to it.) Meanwhile those who find themselves arbitrarily assigned 867-5309 by their phone companies still get dozens of phone calls a day.

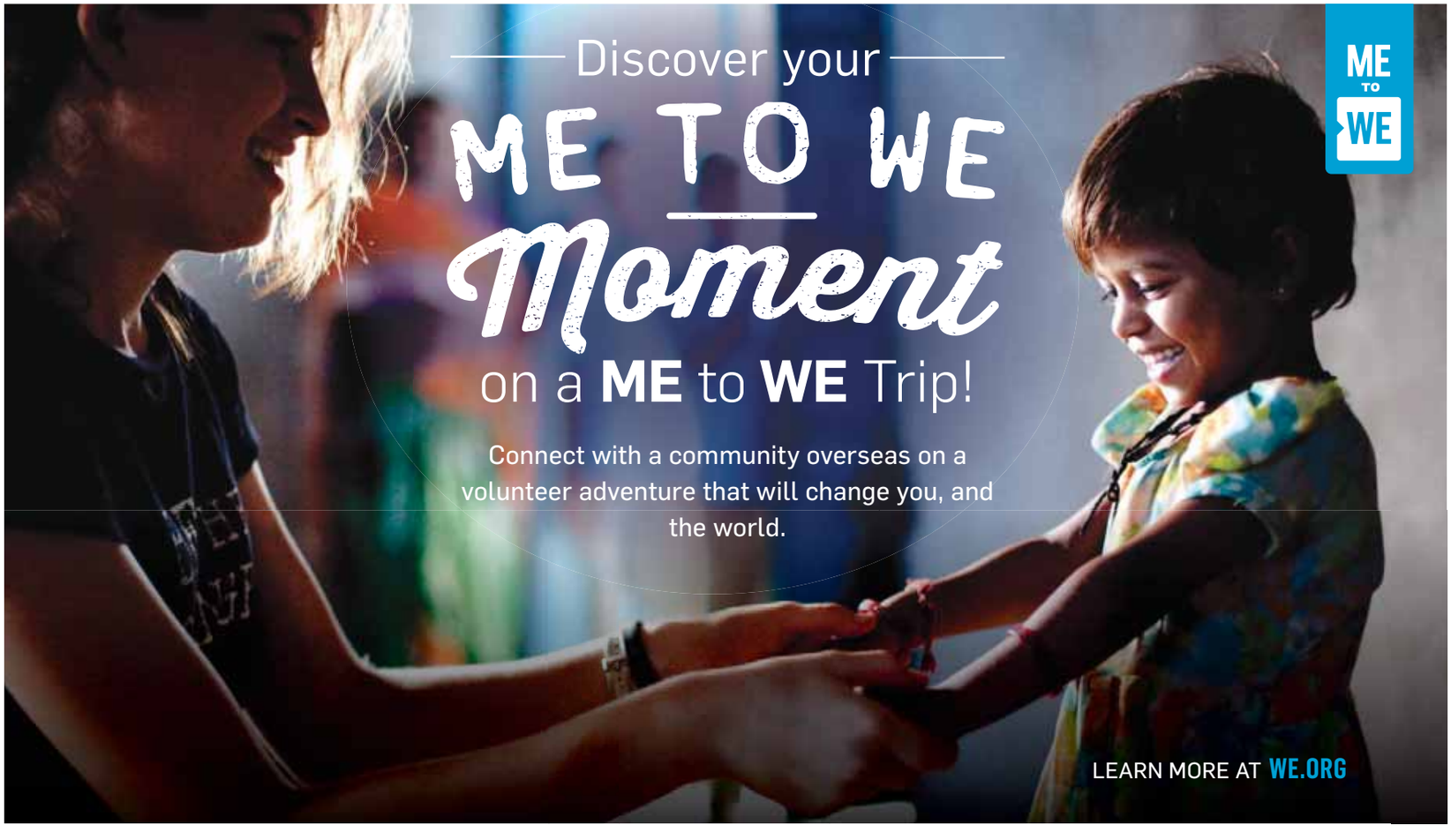
And it's not just about phones. In the old Microsoft WebTVs, punching in the code 8675309 prompted the box to connect to see if there were any firmware updates.

And that sequence of numbers — random as it appears — was once the fourth most-popular seven-digit password.

Typing www.8765309.com (as opposed to www.8675309.com) will get you a site dedicated to all sorts of trivia about the number and the song.

Sadly, the domain for .music is gone. I would have taken that one for myself.

For more from Alan, go to AJournalofMusicalThings.com or follow him on Twitter at @alancross.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FOUR BADASS ACTRESSES ACCORDING TO PAM GRIER

Dale Evans

"She could ride horseback and shoot and jump off and throw a few punches, too.

Katharine Hepburn

"Who is going to fix the house and cut the lawn?

Angelina Jolie

"She was really good in Salt, wasn't she? I also loved her in Tomb Raider.

Jennifer Lawrence

"She's great in Hunger Games.

Grier's brand of feminism

TIFF LIGHTBOX

Actress goes Beyond Badass in retrospective

Pam Grier has a problem with "badass."

Which seems odd, since she defines the term. She's the baddest of the badass female screen stars, the shotgun-packing payback seeker in such 1970s "blaxploitation" smashes as Foxy Brown and Coffy, and also in Quentin Tarantino's 1997 crime thriller Jackie Brown, the three films she's introducing this week at TIFF Bell Lightbox.

"When people say 'badass,' and I don't mean to be rude, but I ask them, 'What do you mean by that?'" Grier says from the Colorado horse ranch she calls home.

"I come from a long line of skillet-throwing women. Is that what you mean? Or how about scratching? The first thing you do to your brothers who are picking on you or messing with you is you scratch 'em. That hurts. That actually hurts more than punching."

She laughs, because she knows, you know? At 66, she's traded her signature '70s Afro for long silver tresses ("I've really owned the silver, and I love it"), but she's forever synonymous with all things badass.

The tag line for Foxy Brown billed her as "a chick with drive who don't take no jive!" She's front-and-centre on the poster for BaadAsssss Cinema, Isaac Julien's 2002 documentary on independent black film.

She's an everlasting influence on action queens who followed her trailblazing anti-heroine roles, including Sigourney Weaver's Ripley in the Alien franchise and Charlize Theron's Furiosa in Mad Max: Fury Road.

Grier herself says that whomever is cast to play her in Foxy, the planned biopic based on her bestselling 2010 autobiography, "they're gonna have to bring it!"

Still, that's not all Grier is about, as goes the title of the TIFF series that's bringing her back to Toronto: Beyond Badass: Female Action Heroes, running Oct. 1 through Dec. 3. (Details at tiff.net.)

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Pam Grier in COFFY, the 1973 action film that was one of her "blaxploitation" movies that defined her as a grounding action star. HANDOUT

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BEHIND THE SCENES

Another Steve Jobs movie

It doesn't worry Kate Winslet that critics panned the 2013 film Jobs, about the Apple Computer co-founder — she feels great about the new Steve Jobs movie she's starring in.

"I have no reservations whatsoever and so excited to be a part of this project," Winslet said in a recent interview at the Toronto Film Festival. She plays Joanna Hoffman, who worked closely with Jobs from the early days of Apple Computer.

Winslet's confidence comes in part from the approach taken by the film's Oscar-winning team: writer Aaron Sorkin and director Danny Boyle. Both have a knack for tackling contemporary subject matter.

Winslet feels that with a figure as prominent in the public conscience as Jobs, it's hard to do a critically acclaimed biopic. So she's happy it wasn't made that way.

Based on Walter Isaacson's book of the same name, the film was shot like a play, rehearsed like one, and told in three acts.

"Each act covers a different year: 1984, '88 and '98 in Steve Jobs' creative working life," Winslet said. "We shot each act in chronological order, one act at a time." While the actress said making the film was educational, she also said it was a "tough, but fascinating process."

"It was very, very challenging. It's 187 pages of continuous dialogue." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mortgage crisis tale mesmerizes

Laura Dern play a woman forced out of her house in 99 Homes.

INTERVIEW

Laura Dern stars in film on U.S. financial meltdown

The U.S. sub-prime mortgage crisis that spelled ruin for thousands and left many homeless is not exactly a catchy subject for a Hollywood movie. But in a new drama — 99 Homes — Oscar-nominated actress Laura Dern tackles the financial meltdown that touched millions and sent ripples across the globe.

Dern, 48, whose film resumé includes Rambling Rose, Sailor and Lula and Blue Velvet, sat down to discuss the movie, which has gotten rave reviews, and life in general.

> **Often we throw away the people we've promised the most to.**
> Laura Dern

The film

In 99 Homes, Dern plays a woman whose family is forced out of home by an unscrupulous real estate broker after they are unable to make mortgage payments.

Dern said the movie aims to highlight "the level of rage in American families when they are now living in their car because they can no longer afford a motel."

"We're very busy as a culture, thinking about the Kardashians or whatever the new topic is," she said. "It takes us away from the BP oil spill still leaking, bank crisis and people still losing their homes.

"It is amazing to consider who we throw away, and often we throw away the people we've promised the most to."

Social media

"I feel like I'm lucky because ... it isn't what defines me," Dern said of social media. "I'm not of a generation that thinks that if I haven't a certain number of followers, I am or I am not liked or popular, because I didn't grow up that way.

"So I'm basing my values ... on the work or my family, my children, my loved ones, but certainly not on social media."

On aging in Hollywood

"Love where you are as a woman at all times in your life. If you buy into the belief that things are gonna change based on age, it's a tragedy," Dern said.

"I hope I'm my sexiest at 60 and I will say I'm playing more interesting characters than I have in a long time.

"In 10 years, I hope to be braver, bolder, wilder, boundary-less, without any predisposition to what it's supposed to look like," she added.

"(I hope) to be complicated, sexy, kind, broken and all the things a woman should be in her 50s. I look forward to that." AFP

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5 PLACES TO SCARE YOURSELF SILLY THIS HALLOWEEN

If you haven't been frightened on Halloween since you were a kid, these tourist attractions across Canada are bound to crank up your fear factor in the days leading up to the spookfest. **MARK STACHIEW** FOR METRO

HISTORIC GARDENS

1 Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia

Annapolis Royal is a town with so much history that it can't help but have a spectre or two wandering its streets at night. During October, the Nova Scotia municipality transforms into a ghost town with an array of spooky activities ranging from haunted houses at area museums to candlelight graveyard tours and many other events for lovers of the supernatural between Oct. 16-31.

2 Fort Fright, Ontario

During the dark and lonely nights of October, Old Fort Henry in Kingston dims the lights and changes its name to Fort Fright. The dark corners of this War of 1812-era fortress are dressed up to scare the wits out of you. Are you ready for a coffin ride or a creepy tunnel crawl in the dark? The frights are offered between Oct. 1-18, Thursday to Sunday evenings, then nightly from Oct. 22-Nov. 1.

FORT HENRY ARCHIVES

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3 Evil Acres, British Columbia

What's your worst fear? Is it coulrophobia, a fear of clowns, or herpetophobia, a fear of reptiles? Evil Acres in North Saanich on Vancouver Island stokes both of those phobias and a psychology textbook full of others in the Darkness Maze. You can also visit Slaughter House Extreme, which is the eerie remnant of a meat-packing plant that is not as abandoned as it looks. Screams run from Oct. 9-10, 16-18 and 22-31.

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4 Atlas Coal Mine, Alberta

The area around Drumheller was once a famous coal-producing region, but those days are long gone. All that is left are the empty mines and the ghosts of the men who worked them. At the Atlas Coal Mine National Historic Site, visitors can experience Little Boo this Oct. 25. It's an afternoon of Halloween activities for gentler souls at this creepy industrial site. Your admission fees raise funds to maintain and restore this piece of Canadian history.

5 Six Pines, Manitoba

SIX PINES

Located north of Winnipeg, Six Pines bills itself as Manitoba's scariest Halloween attraction. By day, they offer the Family Fun Haunt, but when the sun sets, no children are allowed because that's when the real terror begins. Visitors can choose between the provocatively named Barn of Doom or the Terror Train. Pick your poison or take a double dose from Oct. 8-10, 15-17, 22-24 and 29-31.

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Slides, sharks and rum punch in Atlantis

ON THE MOVE

Resort features a 141-acre water park and five hotel options

Loren Christie
For Metro Canada

The Atlantis resort and water park on Paradise Island, the Bahamas. PETER REMUS/ATLANTIS RESORT

Greek lore says that the mythical civilization of Atlantis sunk into the ocean, but I am not so sure. A visit to the Atlantis resort in the Bahamas might have you believing that this mythical kingdom rose again in the form of a Las Vegas-meets-Waterworld pleasure paradise.

The Resort

Atlantis' focal point is water and marine life, built around eight million gallons of fresh- and salt-water pools, lagoons and cascading waterfalls. It also includes a casino, five hotel towers, a golf course and the 141-acre Aquaventure water park. There are options for everyone, whether you are a beach bum, a thrill seeker or want to let your hair down with a midday pool party. Like my first day at Disney World, I was overwhelmed trying to decide where to start.

I went with the Current, a tube-ride that meanders along a 1.5-kilometre route through the park.

At times you are really tossed around in the rapids. I rode it twice. Then after tackling the famous waterslides, two of which shoot you through a shark-infested tank (with the protection of a covered tube), I ended my day drinking margaritas while watching my lounge chair neighbours show off their twerking skills.

Accommodation

The resort includes five different accommodation options. Public relations manager Eric Hall uses an airline analogy to explain the difference: "The Coral and Beach towers are coach. The Royal tower is business class and the Cove and the Reef are first-class."

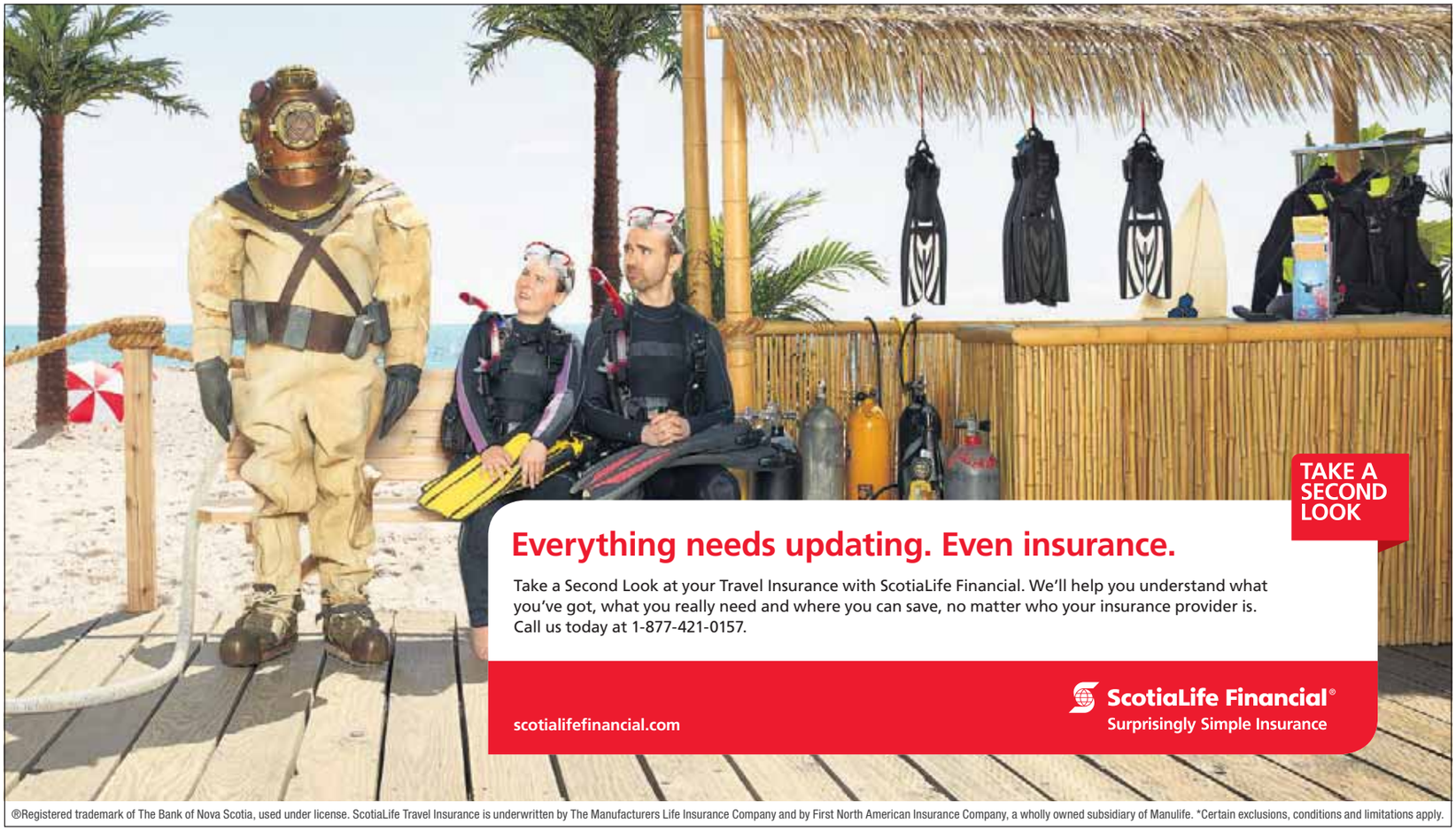
My deluxe ocean-view room in the Cove included a huge bathroom with soaker tub and two sinks (a favourite vacation perk of my spouse), a sitting area and a balcony, which allowed us to watch some incredible sunsets and the cruise ships glide in and out of the port of Nassau. The best perk of the Cove, however, is the respite it provided from the buzz of the resort — akin to staying at the best off-the-Strip hotel in Vegas.

Meals

There are 40 restaurants and bars to choose from, including the world's first pool-side Starbucks and an Atlantis edition of Chef Nobu Matsuhisa's famous restaurant Nobu. Many of the restaurants are stand-alone buildings located in the resort's marina village area. Bimini Road's Bahamian fare includes many iterations of conch and a killer Bahama Mama rum punch.

Final word

From swimming with the dolphins to scuba diving to rock climbing the activities are limitless but this fantasy world does come with a cost. There is no all-inclusive option so make sure to price out your activities before you go and stick to your budget. It's easy to be seduced by all the shiny, wet things.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Where blue sea meets red sand

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Even 48 hours on this island province isn't enough time

Amanda Nunes
For Metro Canada

From fresh lobster and gourmet ice cream, to red sand beaches and lighthouses, Canada's smallest province has lots to explore. Here are some things to see, eat and do if you've got 48 hours on Prince Edward Island.

Day 1

Check into the Holman Grand Hotel, a boutique establishment that puts you in the middle of downtown. The area is dotted with cafés, shops, restaurants and, of course, Anne of Green Gables memorabilia. Historic Queen Street is home to a number of Victorian buildings, and you can pop into Anne of Green Gables Chocolates, where you can see potato chips being dipped in the sweet stuff.

For lunch, walk down to the waterfront and have the best lobster roll in town at Dave's Lobster. The "Some Fancy" lobster roll features 4 oz. of fresh lobster that's been warmed with butter, lemon and garlic, and then stuffed into a fresh split-topped bun. If you still have room after that, head to the boardwalk and get dessert at Cows Ice Cream. Try one of the many flavours in a fresh waffle cone and discover why it was named in the Top 10 of best ice creams in the world by U.S. travel company Tauck World Discovery in 2008.

> **To experience the beauty of the island, rent a car and go on a coastal drive.**

Stroll Peake's Wharf and visit the waterfront merchants selling local crafts and touristy mementoes, including P.E.I. dirt shirts. At Amos Pewter you can find handcrafted jewelry and see molten pewter being cast.

For a bit of culture, visit the Confederation Centre Art Gallery to explore three floors of classic, contemporary and historic art. In the evening you can even catch a show on one of its three stages.

Day 2

Get an early start with a hearty breakfast at Casa Mia Café, a popular local spot. The Casa Mia Hash (caramelized onions and maple syrup with pan-fried P.E.I. potatoes, eggs and grilled sausage) is a must-try.

To experience the beauty of the island, rent a car and go on a coastal drive. Stop at Argyle Shore Provincial Park to see P.E.I.'s famous red soil. Walking down a narrow set of stairs you'll find a quiet, unsupervised, natural beach with beautiful rugged red cliffs. The red sand is a rare, natural occurrence thanks to its high content of iron oxide that give it its unique colour.

Next, make your way to West Point. Along the way you'll find scenic views of the ocean, farmland and curving dirt roads. Stop at a local dairy bar along the way for some fresh ice cream or fried clams.

West Point Lighthouse is the tallest in P.E.I., and it has an attached inn. The lighthouse, which is now a museum, was built in 1875, and has a working 400-watt light that can be seen from 29 kilometres away. Guests can stay in the Keepers Quarters, a room on the second floor where the original lighthouse keepers' families slept.

West Point Lighthouse was built in 1875. ALL PHOTOS BY AMANDA NUNES

West Point is located in Cedar Dunes Provincial Park, a beach that has 1,500 metres of boardwalk and walking trails along the dunes.

If you walk 10 minutes along the beach you will come to The Catch Kitchen & Bar. This local nautical-themed gem has outstanding food and quirky decor. The haddock and chips and the cheddar and ale burger are must-tries.

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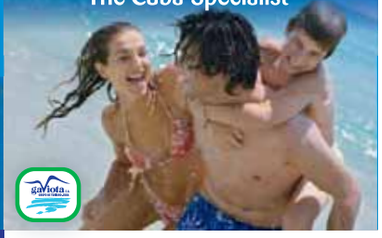

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IN BRIEF

Jackson gets in on action in Cubs' win over Reds

Austin Jackson hit a three-run homer, Anthony Rizzo added an RBI double and the Chicago Cubs kept alive their slim hopes for home-field advantage in the wild-card game with a 5-3 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Thursday.

Chris Denorfia also drove in a run and the Cubs overcame two errors to move within two games of idle Pittsburgh in the race for home field in Wednesday's NL wild-card playoff game. Both teams have three to play — Chicago in Milwaukee and the Pirates against the Reds in Pittsburgh.

Joey Votto's seventh-inning RBI single extended to 47 his streak of consecutive games in which he's reached base at least once. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Yankees clinch wild card

The New York Yankees clinched an AL wild-card spot Thursday night, ending a two-year absence from the post-season by beating the Boston Red Sox 4-1.

Carlos Beltran and rookies Greg Bird and Rob Refsnyder all homered for the Yankees in the franchise's 10,000th regular-season win.

CC Sabathia (6-10) won for the second time since the All-Star break.

The Yankees open the playoffs with a winner-take-all game on Tuesday, most likely against Houston or the Los Angeles Angels. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

One item remains on Jays' pre-playoffs checklist

MLB

Toronto in battle with K.C. for top spot in AL

When the cigar smoke settled from a wild celebration after clinching the American League East, the Toronto Blue Jays were left with more work to do.

"We think we have more ahead of us," manager John Gibbons said. "We really do."

Gibbons is talking about the playoffs, where oddsmakers have made the Blue Jays World Series favourites. But before that, there's the matter of trying to assure home-field advantage throughout the playoffs.

Heading into Thursday, the Blue Jays had a magic number of three to clinch the top seed in the American League. They led the Kansas City Royals by a game but own the tiebreaker, so if the teams finish with an even record, the Blue Jays take it.

Despite fielding a lineup without any regulars in the second half of a doubleheader Wednesday and then again Thursday to give starters a rest, home-field advantage is still something the Blue Jays want.

"We'd love to get it, we're certainly going to fight for it, but you do balance it out with having to give guys rest," general manager Alex Anthopoulos said. "Home field for us with the environment we have at that stadium ... everybody across the league is talking about what an unbelievable environment it is, to have a dome, playing conditions, all that, I think it's a big advantage for us."

The Blue Jays' Dalton Pompey is tagged out by Orioles second baseman Jonathan Schoop as he tries to steal a base on Thursday in Baltimore. ROB CARR/GETTY IMAGES

Rogers Centre was sold out for 20 of the final 21 home games of the regular season, and ace David Price remarked on the day he debuted for Toronto that he had never pitched in an atmosphere like that before.

Price won't get a chance to pitch again until Game 1 of the ALDS on Thursday. The Blue Jays opted to hold him out of his scheduled start in Baltimore and ultimately decided to give him rest rather than having him pitch in the final series of the season at the Tampa Bay Rays.

Mark Buehrle is set to pitch Friday and Marco Estrada on Saturday. Toronto's starter for Sunday is to be determined.

Clinching the AL's top seed would mean facing the winner of the wild-card game in the first round. The New York Yankees will likely host either the Houston Astros, Los Angeles Angels or Minnesota Twins in that one-game playoff Tuesday.

If the Royals finish with a better record, the Blue Jays would very likely face the Texas Rangers, who are close to wrapping up the AL West. THE CANADIAN PRESS

SERIES FINALE

The Baltimore Orioles took advantage of the Blue Jays resting their starters, winning a rain-marred game 6-4 on Thursday. Manny Machado homered twice for the O's in a game that was delayed for 3 hours, 25 minutes after the first inning. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

David Price will throw a simulated game on Friday in St. Petersburg, Fla. TODD KOROL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Price's next start pushed to post-season

It has become clear that the most interesting game remaining in the Blue Jays season will be the simulated game at Tropicana Field on Friday afternoon featuring David Price and Troy Tulowitzki. The rest is background noise, including the Jays' rain-delayed 6-4 loss to the Orioles in the series finale at Camden Yards on Thursday. The game started at noon in an unsuccessful attempt to avoid the effects of Hurricane Joaquin.

Manager John Gibbons announced Thursday morning, in a near-empty clubhouse with players straggling in just two hours before game-time, that Price, a candidate for the Cy Young Award who was originally scheduled to pitch in Baltimore, will not pitch again in the regular season. He will start Game 1 of the Division Series on Thursday at the Rogers Centre, with 11 days rest.

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The number of wins Price racked up this season (18-5). With an ERA of 2.45 in 32 starts he will surely be in contention for the Cy Young.

"We decided if we clinched (Wednesday), I wasn't going to pitch today," Price said.

"They wanted me to throw just because of personal awards. I could care less about those. It's that point in the season, if you can give me an extra couple of days, we'll take it."

Price chose to change up on the preparation that he has had in previous trips to the playoffs, when he always seemed to pitch in the final few games.

"We have a plan and we know what we're going to do," the Jays' ace said. "I plan on throwing a lot of (batting practice) to Tulo, to get as close to game action as you can without really playing in a game. So, we have a plan and I like it. I'm throwing live B.P. It's still pitching."

In addition to shutting down Price for the season, Gibbons plans on letting Mark Buehrle use every bullet in his arsenal on Friday to try and reach 200 innings for the 15th straight season and then, if he falls just short, will likely offer him the chance to start on one day's rest on Sunday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Bad blood isn't driving Babcock

NHL PRE-SEASON

Leafs wrap up exhibition sked at coach's former home

Mike Babcock refused to get in a war of words Thursday when it was mentioned that his former boss, Detroit Red Wings general manager Ken Holland, had thrown down a friendly gauntlet for the Maple Leafs head coach on his return to Detroit.

Holland, whose team hosts the Leafs in the first of back-to-back exhibition games starting Friday, said recently that the Wings want to kick Babcock's butt. But Babcock, who remains close to Holland after a decade together in Detroit, refused to be baited. He knows he has a learning, rebuilding group.

"(Holland) might have the upper hand in the short period but we'll see over time," Babcock said as the Leafs finished up two practice sessions at the MasterCard Centre on Thursday.

I'm the head coach of the Toronto Maple Leafs and I'm proud of that.
Mike Babcock who returns to Detroit to face the Red Wings this weekend.

"Kenny Holland is a great, great man and I'm real lucky. I worked for Brian Murray first (in Anaheim), he's a good friend of mine. Ken Holland's a good friend of mine and I'm happy that Lou's (Leafs GM Lou Lamoriello) here and I get to work with Lou. I learned a lot from Blash (new Detroit coach Jeff Blashill) and I'm sure him from me. But I'm the head coach of the Toronto Maple Leafs and I'm proud of that. We've got lots of work to do as you can see. And we're going to do it."

Babcock's first group on the ice Thursday should shape up as the roster that will open the season next week against Montreal. The second group, full of prospects and some experienced, depth type players, should populate what could be a very good Marlies roster.

The return to Detroit will be Babcock's first in new colours. He won a Stanley Cup with the Wings while establishing himself as one of the game's most successful coaches.

The official return will come Oct. 10, when Toronto visits Detroit for its second game of the regular season. That should present a full range of emotions for Babcock, who was grateful and emotional when he left Detroit, taking out a full-page advertisement in a local newspaper to thank Red Wings fans.

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RUGBY WORLD CUP FRANCE RISES ABOVE REDS Canada lock Jamie Cudmore and his France counterpart Pascal Pape jump for the ball in a line out in Thursday's Rugby World Cup group match in Milton Keynes, England. France closed in on a quarter-final spot after scoring five tries in a 41-18 win while Canada fell to 0-3 in Pool D. FRANCK FIFE/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Norman Powell led the Raptors in scoring in the Las Vegas summer league. ART YOUNG/NBAE VIA GETTY IMAGES FILE

NBA TRAINING CAMP

Powell's patience will be an asset in T.O.

Norman Powell is no stranger to sitting and waiting and watching and learning, as difficult as that is, as frustrating as it once was.

A four-year American collegian at the UCLA, the 2015 second-round draft pick of the Raptors was seldom used in his first two years, a promising athlete forced to bide his time, the enforced viewing gnawing at him almost daily.

"With everything that's going on, guys talking about being sent down to the D-League, how are you going to take it, are you going to be able to get the minutes you want … I've done that my first two years at UCLA," Powell said after the Raptors wrapped up another practice session at Fortius Sport and Health on Thursday in Burnaby, B.C.

It's all about being ready, it's nothing knew to me.
Norman Powell

"Having to sit behind guys, feeling like you're ready to be thrown in there with the wolves, to go out there and perform but there are guys in front of you who are better and more mature … you've got to watch and learn."

The difference now is that the six-foot-four Powell is sitting and watching NBA veterans rather than college teens. He had a star turn in the summer league, leading Toronto in scoring with tenacious defence to catch the eye of coaches and teammates, but the NBA is vastly different.

"From my summer league performance, I feel like I'm that player, I just wanted to go out there and prove to everybody that I can be that … just to prove everybody wrong," he said.

"I had to come here, maintain the same confidence and be the player who I am and just fit the roles that the coaches want me to do and don't put any extra pressure on myself."

Powell is a long shot to make the Raptors but he's not going down without a fight.

"I'm not going to be frustrated or upset, whatever the coaching staff wants me to do, I'm going to do it," Powell said.

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IN BRIEF

Guion set to return to Packers' defensive line
The Green Bay Packers' defensive line, instrumental in helping contain Seattle's Marshawn Lynch and Kansas City's Jamaal Charles the past two games, is about to get even stronger.

Letroy Guion, suspended for three games for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy practised Thursday and will be added to the 53-man roster in time for Sunday's game at San Francisco.

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Head coach Ryan wishy-washy on hurting Bills duo
Buffalo Bills coach Rex Ryan ruled out ailing running back LeSean McCoy and receiver Sammy Watkins from playing against the New York Giants on Sunday.

Ryan initially said he'd never use the word "out" after the two players missed their second straight day of practice Thursday.

Then, Ryan shook his head sideways and said reporters could figure it out on their own. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Perfect opportunity' for Grey Cup return to Toronto
The CFL will bring its championship game back to Toronto next year and this time it will have a true football feel.

The 2016 Grey Cup will be played outdoors on grass at the refurbished BMO Field.

"We think this is the perfect opportunity," said CFL commissioner Jeffrey Orridge. "It's going to culminate the debut of the new era of Toronto Argonauts football and also it helps set the stage for the new era of the CFL. It's a beautiful stadium and it's a newly renovated stadium.

"So it's a perfect environment for us to play and it really does symbolize the new CFL with great stadiums and great social events."

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CFL commissioner Jeffrey Orridge, left, was joined by Toronto Mayor John Tory for Thursday's announcement.
MARTA IWANEK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vanney inspired by the Blue Jay way

SOCCER

TFC coach loves baseball team's 'mojo' with MLS playoffs in sight

Like many, Greg Vanney is relishing the Toronto Blue Jays' playoff run.

The Toronto FC coach sees positives in the Jays' makeup and style of play that ring true for many sports. He also believes the fervent support for the baseball team could be headed his way if the MLS side achieves its long-awaited goal of making the playoffs.

"They are fun to watch," Vanney said of the Jays. "They've got a great attacking team. They put runs on the board, They do a good job of getting themselves out into leads early, which has been fun to watch.

"I think they do a lot of things that are important regardless of your sport.

"I grew up playing baseball, so I have some sense of the game and I think they have a great group. And they've also got their mojo about them and a camaraderie.

"That's what I enjoy watching, because they truly are this team that's come together and feels great about who they are and what they're doing."

> **I think they do a lot of things that are important regardless of your sport.**
> TFC coach Greg Vanney on the Toronto Blue Jays

TFC could book its first-ever trip to the playoffs this weekend if it dispatches Philadelphia and gets some help from Montreal and D.C. United in other matches

Vanney says the fervent support for the Jays is hard to miss, especially when the two Toronto teams play the same day and TFC is resting in its downtown hotel near the Rogers Centre.

"We're often in the hotel and they play at 1 o'clock and we play at 3 o'clock and we see the crowds pouring into the stadium in the Blue Jays shirts and everything else. You can see there's a groundswell of support for this group and people feel it.

"And that for us is also motivation. We know if we continue to win games and build that momentum and get over some of the hurdles that people keep bringing up in our past and we move forward and people start believing in us."

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TFC head coach Greg Vanney celebrates last weekend's win over Chicago with Justin Morrow. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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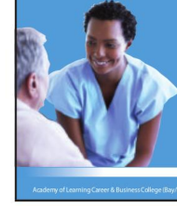
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RECIPE Avocado Lettuce Tomato

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For Metro Canada

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Ready in
Prep time: 5 minutes
Serves 2

Ingredients
- 1 tomato
- 1 tsp olive oil
- Sea salt
- 1/2 avocado, pitted and mashed
- 1 tsp lemon juice
- 4 basil leaves, torn
- 4 pieces of multi-grain bread, toasted
- 1/2 head of Boston bibb lettuce
- Cucumber slices, if desired

Directions
1. Cut tomato and place on a plate. Coat with olive oil and sprinkle with sea salt. Let stand.
2. Meanwhile, mash avocado in a medium bowl and then add lemon juice and torn basil. Mix until smooth.
3. Toast bread and then smear about a tablespoon and a half of the avocado spread onto the bread. Finish by adding tomato slices and a few pieces of lettuce. Cut in half or in quarters and serve with some cucumber slices.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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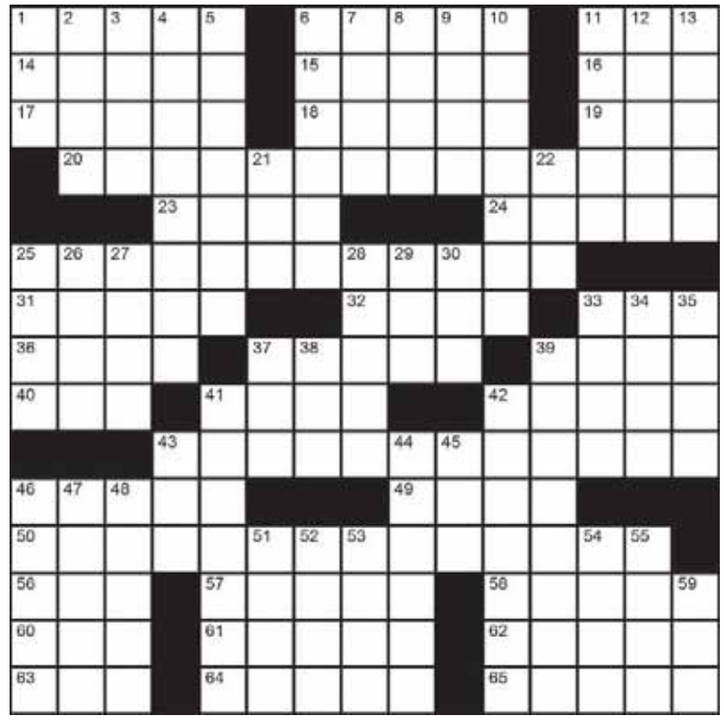

ACROSS
1. Psychedelic carpets
6. Sacha Baron Cohen character
11. US filmmakers org.
14. Squish food
15. Popular island retreat
16. Sleeve
17. Feminine inner self, in Jungian psychology
18. Smiled brightly: 2 wds.
19. "Send in the Clowns" query: "Are __ pair?"
20. Canadian newscast anchored by #11-Down: 2 wds.
23. Volcanic flow
24. Speak from the podium
25. Industrial-looking wall feature in a condo loft: 2 wds.
31. Mr. Kinnear's
32. Ms. Horne
33. Canadian actress/model Ms. Anderson, to pals
36. Mr. Busey
37. Sticks
39. Animal rights gr.
40. St. John's International Airport code
41. Dove sounds
42. Mr. Eckhart
43. New competitive TV series for Canadian artists on the CBC: 2 wds.
46. Hair styling product
49. Actress Ms. Kurylenko
50. 1982 short stories book by Canadian writer Alice Munro, with The: 3 wds.
56. Everything
57. Giving-it-a-go-er
58. Canada's largest duck
60. "My Gal __" (1942)
61. Like lots-of-lots-owning lairds
62. Singer Bonnie
63. Timecard abbrs.
64. End table items
65. Rosebud, and others

DOWN
1. Facials-getting lieu
2. __ jury
3. Botanical casing
4. Science for jewellers
5. Fishy-sounding character played by Canadian hockey great Cam Neely in movie comedies: 2 wds.
6. Slow song
7. Wholly __ part
8. Montreal-born actress Ms. Lee
9. Adjoin
10. Dessert selection
11. As per #20-Across... Winnipeg-born journalist Ms. Friesen
12. Amazing
13. "I Was __ War Bride" (1949)
21. Holy song: "__ Maria"
22. Mork's planet
25. Like scrambled breakfasts
26. Image of bones
27. __ Plus 2in1 (Shampoo/conditioner brand)
28. Makeup kit item
29. Des'__, British songstress
30. CMs ruler sharers
33. Mere's man
34. 'Origin' suffix
35. Numerous
37. Spar, __ few rounds
38. Angeles intro
39. Splendid, like the Buckingham digs in London, England
41. __ clear (Pristine)
42. Port city in North Africa on the Mediterranean
43. Tin
44. Thanksgiving table decorations
45. High mountain
46. Hit song
47. Mr. Bear of the Arctic
48. Sushi shapes
51. Richard Harris 1977 film
52. "The __" (1993) starring Tom Cruise
53. Rough terrain vehicle
54. Ms. Falco
55. Taken back, as a library book [abbr.]
59. Left opp. [pl.]

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
A certain individual may not deserve your support but you will give it anyway. Chances are you will be in need of assistance yourself and you are more likely to get it if others think they owe you something.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Make sure you spend time planning — it will help you to get twice as much done. The Sun in Libra increases your workload, so you have got to think ahead.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You will get every opportunity to show that you have what it takes. But being the boss is not just about giving orders — it's also about making others understand and respect you.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
The thing you most want to avoid is the thing you most need to face. It is not going to go away on its own, so toughen up and tackle it head on.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Friends will go out of their way to assist you over today, so don't sit there pretending that everything is fine because you know that it isn't and so do they. You need help.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you need to persuade someone to give you something today you will find just the right combination of words and body language to make it happen. Whatever it is you desire they will feel it is their duty to provide it for you.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You are beginning to believe that your luck has changed and that you are on the verge of something amazing — you're right. Keep doing the everyday things that will make it happen.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You are worrying about things that will probably never happen. Fortunately, your worries will fade over the weekend.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You seem extremely pleased with yourself — and with good reason. You have at last found what it is you should be doing with your life and are in the process of making magnificent plans. Think them through.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The planets indicate that you will find the courage to make the kind of difficult decision that most people would prefer not to think about. Change is something to be welcomed.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
End the week in a positive frame of mind and you will accomplish great things over the weekend. Remember, it's not what happens that matters — it's the way you choose to react.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You may not be able to explain how you reach a certain conclusion but your instincts tell you it is right, so trust them. Financial matters are especially well starred — if you act on your subconscious promptings.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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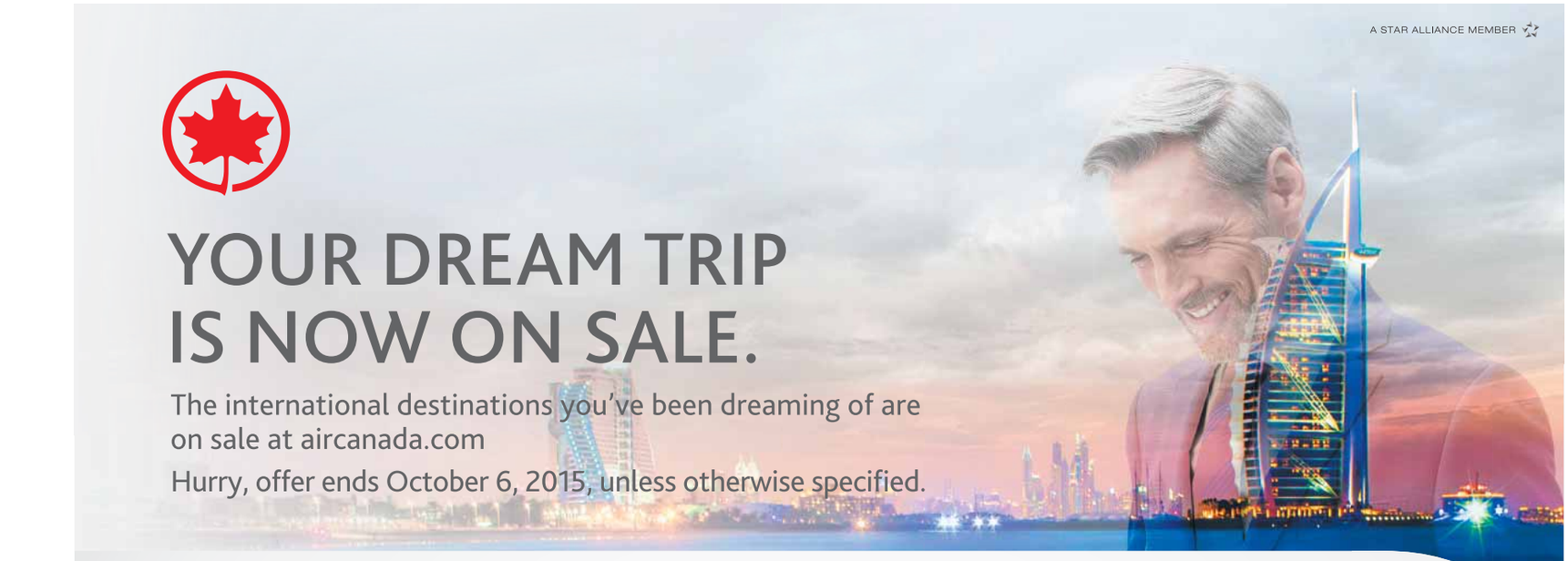

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